

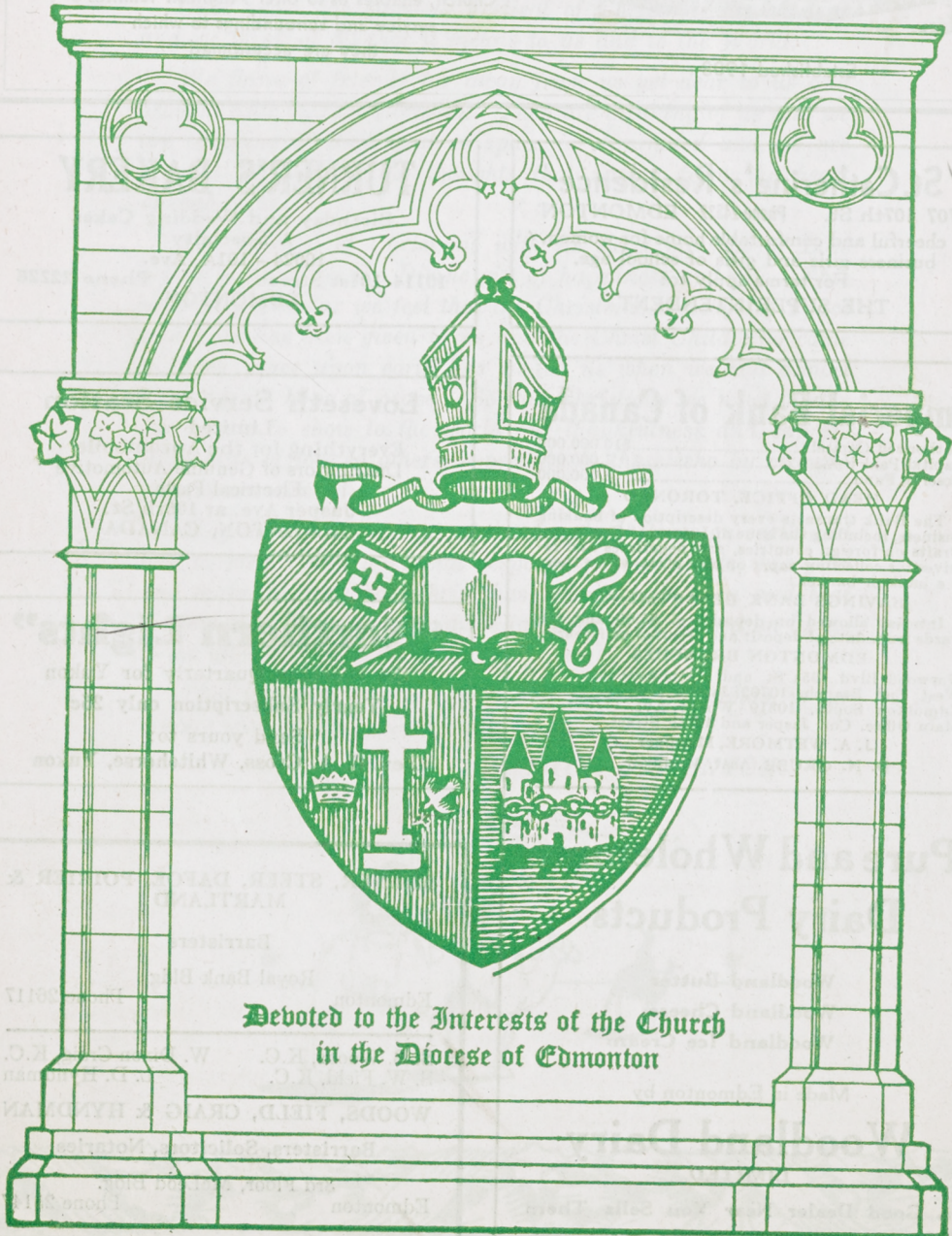
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A Christmas Message from the Bishop

Dear People:

Once again the glorious Festival of Christmas draws near and we think of all that it means to us and to the World.

We think of friends far away from us yet dear to us and brought near by remembrance. They are thinking of us and we are thinking of them and so space is eliminated and we are brought together by the thoughts that spring from the heart of each of us.

The Festival of Christmas with its sweet message of Love brings to all of us the Divine gift of happiness and joy. This year in particular we feel that the Christmas message of Peace and Love has been given to us and the Christ Child who came to bring peace upon earth has visited us when we had almost given up all hope of peace. So this Christmas we must double our efforts to show to the world our thankfulness and express it in gifts of love to others, especially to those who by circumstances are in need.

May the divine message of the Angels, "Peace on earth and love to men," find a special response in our hearts this year and make us feel that Christ has not come in vain and that the love that He brought to us is intended to be passed on by us to the uttermost parts of the earth.

That you may have a happy and Blessed Christmas, is the sincere wish of your friend and Bishop.

ARTHUR EDMONTON.



Editorial

Something More

AS the Christmas Season approaches an enlargement of the spiritual life in everyone becomes beautifully evident. Even the Scrooges cannot resist the effect of the warmth and goodwill which cause the flower of generosity to burst into bloom like the gorgeous blossom on the Christmas Cactus. It is a time when we become giants in shining armour ready to help the helpless, cheer the cheerless and comfort the comfortless. We are ready to go the second mile with any man, friend or foe. We cause our wives much housewifely concern because having given our coat to some man at the door we are cheerfully giving away our cloak to the next one forgetting in reckless abandonment that we won't have another until we find enough money to buy one. We actually go hunting around to do "something more" for poor old Mrs. So-and-so, and if anyone asks us to take a gift to the man down the road we add a little token of our own, and, so to speak, tie the parcel up with Christmas Ribbon instead of its plain prosaic string. In fact, we, for once in the year anyway, are doing the "Something More" which is at the heart of the Christian Evangel. God has always been doing "something more" for us than we deserve and when the clouds lift, and the silly foolish blindness is dispelled, we see the Star that leads us on to offer in return those richest gifts which cost us so much to obtain, and yet, now that we see so clearly, are nothing compared to what we want to give. We wish we had "something more" to offer Him in Person and perhaps some of us who have been granted the Inner Light to see Him have actually offered all we have. We haven't minded his absolute demands; if we had more we would have given it to Him. As it is, He has all we have. Sometimes we have seen what it really meant, but though it meant the loss of all things it really is nothing because, funnily enough, when we have Him in return we have all things.

There are some of us who haven't seen Him in Person but we have seen Him, as it were, in others and just the reflection of Him is enough to want to do "something more" for the person who shows Him to us. The Inner Light so dim burns up more brightly in the pure air of His Presence and in that Light we would like to walk till travelling days are done.

Kindle O God that Inner Light in me
That Lighteth every man—but ah! not me.
Send me O God, Thy Word, Thine only Son
Through Whom each man—save me—should be Thy Son.

Well! there it is, beautiful, natural, true; everyone responding and surprising themselves and wondering why. And all because God did something more than ever any man expected. He sent His Son. That's why, dear reader, you, this Christmas are going to do "something" more than you have ever done before.

G. P. GOWER.

The Page Pulpit

THE SPIRITUAL BASIS OF SCOUTING

The relationship of Scouting to the Church has for some time been the subject of much concern on the part of Church leaders and workers who feel they are witnessing a gradual drift of the Scout movement away from influence of the one institution which gained for it the necessary credentials in the eyes of the public when first it was mooted.

Without doubt the Church was the power behind the push and the Scout movement is indebted to its pioneers for its strength today as much as to any other influence.

There is, however, much to be said on both sides. A problem is not solved by acrimonious criticism or by the adoption of a "hands off" policy. The following extracts from an article by Stanley Ince in the Scout Leader may bring a positive contribution to the question.

"It is not an easy subject,—the question of the practical problems that arise between Troops and Churches. To deal with the practical problems would appear to be fairly easy, but I found, as soon as I began to think them over, that it was necessary to get down to fundamentals in order to build right foundations for practical policy. Therefore I am driven to speak about some of the deepest things of Scouting, I want, if I can, to blaze a trail of thought, through the rather uncharted ground of the relationship of Troop and Church. It is difficult ground—forgive me if I go astray.

I suggest to you that any kind of superficial co-operation between Troop and Church can rarely be satisfactory and is generally mischievous. If the parson simply wants a Troop in order to fill his choir, he has no business to have Scouts at all; if the Scoutmaster only wants to co-operate with the Church so as to get free use of a hall he has no business to be connected with the Church.

What, then, is the right basis of co-operation? I propose to look for the answer to this question by considering the deepest side of Scouting, the moral and ethical side; and that we shall best explore by considering how we feel about Scout Law. Scout Law is, I believe, the basis of Scouting, but experience up and down the country leads me to feel that there are two very definite schools of thought about the Law. To some Scouters the Scout Law is something akin to "good form." I should say that this conception of Scout Law tended to be dominant in the early days of Scouting. "Some things are done, and some things are not done."

There are many splendid Troops who accept Scout Law on that basis, and of the Troops I have personally known some of the finest on the practical plane have been Troops where Scout Law had that significance, that bias. Such Troops have little need of co-operation with the Churches beyond perhaps an occasional Church parade. They are developing the mental and physical side of their Scouts, giving health and hobbies—teaching swimming and sport, and how to play the game. Let me say at once and emphatically that such Troops are doing priceless service, in many cases the best service of which their particular Scoutmaster is capable, and one dare not condemn them. They have their place.

But there is a growing feeling and I think it is dominant in the Movement now, that this conception of Scout Law as simply an accepted way of good living does not go deep enough, and we want something more if Scouting is to do its finest work. To this view Scout Law is a blazing ideal: living, vital, capable of changing the whole face of the world if we can but get it into the minds and hearts and lives of our boys.

I cannot help feeling that our whole Movement has suffered at times from an optical illusion, the illusion that you can take an average boy, teach him the Scout Law, administer the Promise "I will do my best," and then expect the boy to go on steadily developing the strong virtues of honor, loyalty, unselfishness, clean living and discipline. Now we have reached the point of cleavage and what I am saying may divide you, my brother Scouts, into two camps. But I must stand on one side of the line. Honor, loyalty, unselfishness, clean living, service, are **not** natural fruits on the human tree. They come from a living, vital faith—all history and all experience show it. To make the Scout Law live in the hearts and minds of boys we need the dynamic force of religion.

It will be said that this linking-up of the Scout Law with religion is not right. Does not many a man display the virtues of Scout Law who has no conscious religious inspiration at all? I agree. But in almost every such case you will find that men who are living in accordance with the principles of the Scout Law have behind them the tradition of godly forefathers who have passed on to them that tradition of right living.

The economic world is trying to live upon the capital accumulated by more industrious generations: it may be, too, that we are living on our moral capital, carrying on virtues that our fathers have built up instead of creating new wealth of character by going to the vital sources from which character springs.

I put it to you as a personal conviction that truth, unselfishness and purity are not developed by a good resolution, but by a good religion. Can we expect our boys—I do not mean the young boys who have not faced up to life, but the Patrol Leaders and Rover Scouts—to carry out into the world of business and affairs, honor and truth when untruth pays better; unselfishness in a community where selfishness is the general rule; clean living in a society where the conventions in these matters art steadily losing ground? Can we expect our boys to go out and keep the spirit of the Scout Law if they are not linked up to a stronger force than their own good intentions. I say No!

The sobering thought for us as Scouters is that we can hold up that magnificent blazing ideal of the Scout Law, and boys may respond to it and do their best to follow it—and fail. If we have not taught our boys both to see the ideal in life and to link up to a power that will make it possible, we have done them ill-service, for a disillusioned boy is worse than a boy who has never had the ideal at all.

We need, therefore, to lead our boys into touch with the dynamic force of religion, using the word "religion" in its broadest sense—into touch with God.

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I have a dream, maybe a wild dream but if only we can co-operate with the Churches, if we can but bring up within the fellowship of every Church a new generation of Christian men, strong in faith, broad in vision and sympathy through Scouting, bound together throughout the Churches by the common link of the great Scout Law, we shall be building better than we know.

Look you, brothers! We can bring to the Churches what they are needing—youth, enthusiasm and the plain, simple and splendid code of the Scout Law, as the practical rule of life. Can you imagine it—a Church whose men and women, trained as Scouts, and Guides, have the Scout Law and spirit engrained in their character—made living and vital by the dynamic of religion?

Bishop's Engagements

- Dec. 4th—Unveil Memorial to Mrs. Slater in Christ Church, Edmonton; Preach. Broadcast Address, CFRN, at 4.30 p.m.
Dec. 9th—Attend meeting of the Senate at the University.
Dec. 11th—Presentation Service at St. Luke's.
Dec. 15th—Meeting of Executive Committee of the Diocese.
Dec. 18th—Confirmation St. Stephen's Church
Dec. 25th—Christmas Day — Celebrate and Preach.

On the Editor's Table

CO-OPERATION

From the Montreal Churchman comes a word in season:

"The Anglican Communion can exercise a great influence, but she tends to be fearful of losing her identity in co-operation. Her members have to learn to exercise the same courage and confidence as her Leader, who has declared that he that loseth his life shall find it.

"The other side of that confidence is equally important. We are convinced that no church has more to contribute to the modern world in the way of teaching and living than our own. But we cannot teach in isolation. We can only convince the world of the truth of our doctrine by living in the world. We can only convince other religious bodies by sharing with them frankly and freely,

not by separating from them. It is not a matter of what we can get out of the co-operation, but what we can give to it. We are under obligation to the whole Body of Christ.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Bishop of Coventry had some interesting things to say to the Church Congress which met recently at Bristol. His subject was Church Union and in the course of his remarks he asked churchmen to "dismiss from their minds the last vestiges of the 'Branch Theory'" which assumes that a few Christian denominations are quite certainly parts of the Catholic Church while many others are certainly not. He continues:

"If we could only rid our minds of the notion that the Church of Rome and the Orthodox Churches and the Church of England, and perhaps one or two other Christian denominations, are not in schism, and that most other Christian denominations emphatically are, if we could all frankly recognize that we are all in schism in different degrees, that, at least, would by itself bring one stage nearer the day when the unity of the Body of Christ shall be restored, and He Himself set free to save and unite mankind."

THE SILENT GOD

The Archbishop of Canterbury pleads for an important thing in the life of the Church when he speaks of Retreats. The Canadian Church in the West seems to have attempted to do without them but one wonders whether greater success has thus been attained. Perhaps a certain shallowness in our corporate church life would have been avoided if we could have followed his good advice. He says:

"At this time of ever-increasing rush and haste and confusion, it is imperative that the clergy and laity should find time to be quiet, to be still, so that they at least may know the silent God. They must, when and wherever possible, go into retreat, so as to realize their grasp on fundamental principles. One of the ways of advance must always be the way of retreat. At the same time, they must never think of the Church as if it were only a refuge, an ark; it must be a fortress from which, fortified by its truth and grace and worship, they went out to win fresh regions of life for the Lord."

THE SECRET OF A HAPPY LIFE

The Bishop of London says he wants to leave behind him as his legacy to his Diocese the secret of a happy life. "Beyond doubt God created man

to be happy, happy because he was loved of God, and able to love Him."

Five things are necessary:

1. Care for the Body.
2. A quiet conscience.
3. A sense of humor.
4. A pure and beautiful mind.
5. A living sense of God as the nearest Friend.

A BLACK DAY FOR GERMANY

In a letter to the Times Lord Rothschild writes as follows:

"Some people may think, from reading the newspapers, that pogroms are something new in the treatment of the Jews in Germany. That is untrue. The difference between the treatment of the Jews during the last three or four days and their treatment during the last three or four years is quantitative. Qualitatively, these things have been going on continuously.

"The reports from Germany that the pogroms are 'spontaneous demonstrations' by the German people are the grossest defamation of the character of the German people as a whole. The German people are very much like the British. They detest the persecution of innocent people. I have received letters from Germany, from Germans who are not Jews and not even 'liberals'; from people who sympathize with the Nazi regime. But they have told me that they abhor the persecution of the Jews just as much as they and we abhor the beating up of Cardinal Innitzer or the 'protective detention' of a brave and good man, Pastor Niemöller."

Commenting on this the London paper remarks:

"No foreign propagandist bent upon blackening Germany before the world could outdo the tale of burnings and beatings, of blackguardly assaults upon defenceless and innocent people, which have disgraced that country. Either the German authorities were a party to this outbreak or their powers over public order and a hooligan minority are not what they are proudly claimed to be.

"Millions of Germans must detest the dishonor done to their name, and the responsibility which they have been made to share."

We would not like to think the German people willingly subscribed to such a return to the barbarism of the Dark Ages.

AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW

The United Church has started a Crusade for a Quarter of a Million church members who will definitely pray for missions, work for missions, and subscribe to missions. Bishop Carey, a little while ago called on "God's Gladiators"—the "Remnant" of Isaiah's thought—to give themselves in prayer and personal witness for the Extension of Christ's Kingdom. He said if the Remnant—not even the church as a whole—but the Remnant, gave themselves to five minutes prayer a day the result of it would send the church forward on a Flaming Crusade.

Another Forward Movement was one of the things uppermost in the late Canon Gould's mind. We cannot doubt but that great man would have again shown the church its task and with all his zeal and energy bent to that task he would have led us once again to new achievement.

How long is the Church in Canada going to be content with taking \$5,000 per week from friends in England?

GOOD BACON

"So ye be goin' to leave us, parson?"

"Yes, William, I'm getting on in years, and they cannot hear me at the end of the church."

"Hear 'e? That don't matter so long as we can see ye. Ye know, parson, 'taint the pigs that squeals loudest makes the best bacon."

Diocesan News

RESIGNATION OF THE VEN. F. C. CORNISH D.D.

Church people throughout the Diocese will learn with the deepest regret of the resignation of our beloved Archdeacon and Secretary-Treasurer, the Ven. F. C. Cornish, D.D. For many years now he has faithfully fulfilled the vocation to which he was called first as parish priest in town parish and in country mission in the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, Calgary and Edmonton, and then as Secretary-Treasurer of the Diocese. St. Stephen's of Edmonton will long remember his devotion, his large hearted understanding of human nature and the sure spiritual direction of the lives of his parishioners.

In his capacity as Secretary-Treasurer and Archdeacon he brought to his task all the excellent qualities of a good steward both in finance and administration. On occasion he was asked to produce funds as one would ask a conjurer to produce rabbits out of a hat but whilst he never failed regretfully to impress an importunate executive with his inability to do this his careful handling of finance allowed him sometimes to produce treasures both old and new from an old account.

His resignation takes effect almost immediately, but we hope to have the Archdeacon and Mrs. Cornish with us for some time yet.

The Executive have now placed upon them the important responsibility of choosing a successor.

The choice that is made will largely govern the course of the Diocese for many years. We pray that vision and wisdom may be granted to those who choose.

SOCIAL SERVICE NEEDS YOUR HELP

The past month has been a very busy one for the Council for Social Service. So many appeals have been answered that both funds and supplies of clothing are exhausted. At the present moment no bales of clothing have been received from the Church in Eastern Canada. It is feared that exaggerated reports of the return of better times in the West have been presented in such a way as to misrepresent very effectively the actual position of many sections of the province.

Let it be said with emphasis and with more truth the need is greater than it has ever been. The poverty of some of the people is appalling. Our readers have no conception of the dire distress. On one occasion a house was visited and with the hospitality that is so characteristic of the West the visitor was asked to take a cup of tea. Noticing that none of the large family joined him he commented on it and was told there were no other cups and saucers. In another district a commercial traveller called at a homestead and found a large family seated at a table eating potatoes and bread off tin lids which served as plates and drinking from tins for lack of other table ware. If such

is their condition what of the bedding and the clothing? "It looked hopeless," said the traveller.

What is the church in your parish doing to help such cases which are coming in a steady stream day by day to the Social Service Rooms? Hardly a parish has remained silent in appeal. Many are sending in "continuous" appeals. It is obvious that only "continuous" help can cope with it.

Another effort must be made. Every W.A., every Sunday School, every Vestry could do something more. That is the quality of true Christianity—doing something more than is expected of you. Let the growing Christmas Spirit lead you on to give something more.

FRATERNITY OF ST. JAMES

The regular monthly meeting of the Fraternity of St. James, was held at St. Catherine's Residence, November 22nd. Principal F. F. W. Lowle addressed the meeting, his topic being "The Churchman's Greatest Asset." The annual meeting was held Advent Sunday, November 27th.

Fourteen members met for Corporate Communion at All Saints' Pro-Cathedral at 8.30 a.m. Rev. Canon T. E. Rowe, D.D. and Rev. L. D. Batchelor were guests of the Fraternity for breakfast at the Corona Hotel. Principal F. F. W. Lowle gave a brief review of the past year's activities.

The following gentlemen were elected to office: Principal, H. G. Wilson; Vice-Principal, H. J. Gladden; Registrar, E. J. Fream; Bursar, Geo. E. Stretton.

The next meeting will be held December 19th.

THE REV. ALAN GREENE, COLUMBIA COAST MISSION

The month of November closed with the Church in Edmonton inspired by the illustrated account of the Columbia Coast Mission as given by the Rev. Alan Greene who has charge of the work on the Pacific Coast.

Mr. Greene spoke in St. Faith's Church (Rev. Canon C. F. A. Clough) and All Saint's Cathedral (Rev. Dr. T. E. Rowe) before good congregations. On the Sunday afternoon he showed his moving pictures to the Sunday School at Christ Church and the next day he spoke to the Kiwanis Club where his pictures aroused much interest. At Christ Church parish hall an audience of about two hundred and fifty were present to hear the story of the work which has engaged his attention since returning from chaplaincy work with the troops during the war. The collection taken in aid of the work amounted to \$33.00.

Apart from the beauty of the scenery amongst the islands and inlets on the coast which was so splendidly photographed many moving scenes in hospital and church, at wharfside and at home and at lonely settlements, brought a vivid and realistic picture of the magnitude and the effectiveness of the work. Three hospital ships and a little band of 45 workers, doctors, chaplains and nurses, are doing one of the greatest pieces of missionary work undertaken by our church.

Edmonton was Mr. Greene's last stopping place on a lecturing tour across Canada. He returns to his work we hope with pleasant memories of his stay among us. We shall look forward to his return in the near future.

VISIT OF FIELD SECRETARY OF M.S.C.C.

The visit of the Rev. L. A. Dixon, the newly appointed Field Secretary of the Missionary Society of the Church in Canada, afforded us an opportunity of learning much about the work of the Society. First hand information, from a representative has a freshness and an impressiveness which often helps to clear a foggy atmosphere of doubts and misunderstanding. The functions of a field secretary were well carried out by Mr. Dixon and there should be no doubt in the minds of those who heard him as to the policies and the position of the M.S.C.C.

During his stay the Field Secretary spoke to the Edmonton Chapter, the Executive and Mission Committees and addressed a Missionary Meeting in All Saints' Parish Hall on his return from the north some days later. He was conducted through the Mission Districts of Breton and Waskatenau and Rife and expressed his keen interest in these new fields.

The attendance at the Missionary Meeting was most disappointing. It has been noted in the past that the rank and file of the church are with difficulty aroused to take interest in Missions and Missionary Speakers. It is a very unhealthy condition if we who still receive some \$8,000 from outside sources for the maintenance of our work have lost our interest in the missionary activity of the church. It would seem to be high time to awake out of sleep in this matter and the recently formed Missionary Committee are to be commended for their efforts in this connection. Probably the widening of the terms of reference of this committee and the granting of a little more authority would make it even more effective. It can be a source of satisfaction to no one to have only fifty people out to listen to one who has come with an inspiring message and with the utmost goodwill to make friends with those who are at least supposed to be fellowworkers in the work of preaching the Kingdom of God to those that are far and those that are nigh.

CANADIAN GUILD OF HEALTH

The Ministry of Healing was at one time a normal part of the church's life. The fact that St. Luke was a physician is sufficient evidence that there was no incompatibility between the works of faith and the works of mercy as practised by the medical profession. Hospitals are one of the greater glories of Christendom and as the expression of the mind of Christ who came to heal and to save must be dear to his heart. Indeed it is not too much to say that if religion die the true spirit of medicine will die also. The patient would no longer be the object of mercy and pity but would be merely another clinical experiment in the hands of a cold science.

One of the objects of the Guild of Health is to emphasize afresh the value of spiritual factors in the art of healing. Priest and doctor must co-operate. Any attempt to link the Healing Ministry of the Church as presented by the Canadian Guild of Health with debased forms of so-called mental healing is definitely repudiated. It does not pander to exciting spiritual experience, but on the contrary endeavors to seek the proper relationship of patient, priest and doctor in their common effort to achieve God's will. Appreciation of the need for repentance, spiritual health, and strengthening of faith in the patient is of the utmost importance in the maximum release of Healing Power which comes from Him no matter through what channel of grace.

THE THREE KINGS, ROAD

When all the tinsel has been laid away,
The tree is stripped, the fevered rush is past—
You still have trees, a hill, a child at play,
And love, and prayer, and fadeless things that last.

Wear your proud purple underneath your load!
Touch hand with one who travels lone, afar!
Brave your dark night and walk the Three
Kings' Road
To find your Christ beneath his lovely star.

He loves, I know, our pretty baubled trees,
Our busy shops, our laughter young and gay,
Our ribboned gifts—have we no gifts but these?
No bright, red wreaths except for Christmas Day?

Though broken is some toy beneath your feet,
Some dear illusion shattered or grown dim—
The 'Three Kings' road goes by your dusty street
That leads up to a star—and HIM.

A.Y.P.A.

Mr. Howard Reeve, Past President of the Anglican Young Peoples' Association of St. Stephen's Church, Calgary, and president now of Holy Trinity A.Y.P.A. was elected President of the Edmonton Diocesan Council of the A.Y.P.A. at their meeting held in All Saints' on October 28th.

Other members of the 1938 Council are as follows: Vice-President, Mr. Stan Cheston; Secretary, Miss Mabel Ledgard; Treasurer, Mr. Jack Kimber; Chaplain, Rev. Batchelor; Hon. President, Mr. Justice Ford; Hon. Chaplain, Bishop Gray; Patron, Bishop Burgett; Hon. Vice-President, Ven. Archdeacon Cornish; G.B.R.E. Representatives, Mr. Art. Potter and Mr. Don Sims; Publicity Secretary, Miss Gladys Morgan.

At an Executive Meeting, held on Thursday, November 10th, plans were completed for the Annual A.Y.P.A. Public Speaking Contest to be held in All Saints' Parish Hall, on Monday, December 12th. All A.Y.P.A.'s will be permitted two speakers. However, if it so happens that this will make too many speakers the executive reserve the right to reduce the number to one speaker. A suggested list of topics will be sent to each A.Y.P.A., but speakers will be permitted to speak on any topic, providing that they notify the executive immediately.

A Dramatic Festival Committee, under the leadership of Mr. Stan Cheston was formed to make arrangements for the Dramatic Festival to be held sometime in the latter part of January. The committee is to be composed of one member from every A.Y.P.A. Please notify the executive of the Council immediately, of the name, address and phone number of your representative to the Dramatic Committee.

The next Council Meeting will be held in All Saints' on Friday, December 16th. All representatives to the Council please keep this in mind.

MEMORIAL TO MRS. J. B. SLATER

At Christ Church on Sunday, December 4th, the Bishop of Edmonton unveiled a Tablet to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Mrs. Jane Beatty Slater.

Mrs. Slater for many years was a faithful and devoted member of the Woman's Auxiliary. Always anxious to forward the work of the Church she gave unstintingly of her services. Her cheerful outlook and optimism were great assets in overcoming

difficulties and made her greatly missed. Her memory is affectionately treasured by many in the congregation.

It was most fitting that the unveiling should immediately precede the service of Holy Communion. The hymns, "For All the Saints" and "The Love of Christ Constraineth" were sung. The Bishop preached on the text: Mark 14: 9, "Whosoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her." He paid tribute to Mrs. Slater's devoted service and directed his hearers to incline their hearts to do those things for God, for the Church and for others by which we would like to be remembered.

The Ven. Archdeacon F. C. Cornish assisted at the service.

Rural Deanery of Edmonton

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

Our Patronal Festival on November 6th featured the Annual Choir Re-Union at Evensong. Following the service the present past members of the choir met for a social evening in the parish hall.

Armistice Service was fittingly celebrated by a Special Matins Service. Rev. Capt. C. G. Reynolds of Holy Trinity was the preacher. The service was attended by civic authorities, members of the garrison and representatives of the R.C.M.P.

Visiting clergy to the parish during the month included Rev. Neville Blunt, who conducted a mission of Spiritual Healing on November 14th, 15th, and 16th; Rev. Alan D. Green, Superintendent of the Columbia Coast Mission, who was the special preacher at Evensong on the 27th and, Rev. Canon C. F. A. Clough, L.Th., who preached at the Corporate Communion of the W.A. on St. Andrew's Day.

The Rector, Rev. Canon T. E. Rowe, D.D., received the degree of Doctor of Divinity (confirming his previous degree from Seabury Divinity School) from St. Chads College, Regina, at their Convocation on November 9th.

CHRIST CHURCH

THE REV. G. P. GOWER

Christmas

The recent demonstrations of large crowds in Germany when Mr. Chamberlain visited Herr Hitler in the interests of peace was a signal affirmation by the common peoples of the world how intensely they desire to live at peace with one another and as members of one great family banish war for ever.

How deep that sentiment is in our hearts we ourselves do not realize until some crisis or some such season as this comes along and affords us an excuse, almost, to forget our animosities. We seize upon it with eagerness and with the inconsistency of people deeply touched allow the generosity of our natures to obliterate all the former bitterness. We really welcome it because being made for friendship with others we are tired of living apart from each other.

One has to get to the very heart of the love of God to understand this. He who loved his children

so much could not endure the pain of separation caused by sin. It was more than He could bear and so He sent a little child, His Son, to effect a reconciliation.

Around the birth of the Christ Child are all those things that appeal to the best in us. May this happy Christmastide find us moving nearer the Heart of God and so nearer to one another.

W.A.

Congratulations to the W.A. on the success of their Bazaar, the proceeds of which enables the Branch to meet their missionary pledges in full. One always feels that work for Missions brings a constant renewal of the spiritual life to those so engaged and through them to the parish. We certainly are no poorer in anyway through our efforts for the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

Young Men's Club

The month of November has been packed with interesting things for our Club. Major Hales illustrated lecture on Air Mail development in the North was keenly appreciated. The following Tuesday St. Luke's Basketball team came over and gave us a beating which of course had to be avenged if possible two weeks later. We enjoyed the visit of our friends from a neighboring parish and wished there were enough teams in the city parishes to form a league. On Friday, November 25th, the Senior Girls' W.A. and the Y.M.C. combined forces and arranged a party in the parish hall which was a great success.

Attendance at the Bible Class on Sunday morning has been particularly good.

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild have had a very busy month. The Annual Bazaar which also included a fine evening programme attracted much interest and was splendidly supported.

A Rummage Sale was responsible not only for an increase in Guild Funds but also in the collection of three bales of clothing for Social Service which would not otherwise have been obtained.

Corporate Communion on Thursday, October 20th, was attended by twenty members.

Future engagements include the Congregational Supper Meeting in co-operation with the W.A. and a Saturday Sale in the City Market.

The Rector wishes to thank the Guild and also the Sunday School for donations towards the cost of the Film Machine.

Sunday School

The Presentation of Awards and Attendance Certificates took place at the Morning Service on Sunday, November 20th. It was most encouraging to see so many parents present. The church was crowded, the praise and the prayer most hearty and everyone enjoyed a happy family service. Nealy 70 children received Perfect Attendance Awards. We congratulate Jean Riley on her nine years Perfect Attendance and George Smith on receiving the Religious Tract Society Prize for Bible Knowledge.

The Rev. Alan Greene of the Columbia Coast Mission gave the afternoon Sunday School an illustrated talk on his work on the Pacific Coast. We promised Mr. Greene we would help him in his work by devoting a Sunday's offering to him.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve—Choral Communion, 11.30 p.m.
Christmas Day—Holy Communion, 7.00 a.m.,

8.00 a.m.; Family Worship, 11.00 a.m. (with Carols); Holy Communion, 12.00 noon; Evensong, 7.30 p.m.

There will be no Junior Church or Sunday School on Christmas Day.

ST. STEPHEN'S

THE REV. J. C. MATTHEWS

Sunday Services—8 a.m., 11 a.m., 7.30 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Weekday Services—Holy Communion, 8 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday.

Special Preachers for Advent—

Dec. 4th—Second Sunday in Advent, Canon Reynolds at 7.30 p.m.

Dec. 11th—Third Sunday in Advent, Dr. Rowe at 7.30 p.m.

His Lordship the Bishop will hold a Confirmation on Sunday, December 18th, at 7.30 p.m.

Christmas Services—Midnight Eucharist beginning at 12 midnight on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Day, Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Mattins (shortened) and Holy Communion with hymns and carols at 11 a.m. Evensong, 7.30 p.m.

The Annual Bazaar of the Willing Workers was opened on Wednesday, November 2nd, by Mrs. H. W. E. Evans, who gave a most inspiring address at the close of which a bouquet of flowers was presented. All members have worked very hard to make the Bazaar a success which it surely was. The Willing Workers were able to send a cheque to the Vestry to pay for the new Prayer and Hymn Books and organ book. Letters of thanks were sent to Mrs. Evans, and also to Mrs. Dixon Craig, H. H. Cooper Ltd., Mr. Moonan, Mgr. of Safeway Store, Mr. Patterson and others who so kindly donated goods and helped in other ways.

A great many visits to hospitals and homes were reported by the sick visitors.

A Whist Drive and Dance was held in November 22nd.

Scout Notes

The winter season has opened again with the Troop meeting as before on Friday evening at 8.15. Recruits will be welcome. The Camp at Cooking Lake, under Mr. Woolman, our Scoutmaster, was very successful—perfect weather and an ideal site contributing greatly to the enjoyment of the boys—and we were left with no financial obligations this year. The Troop is busy now practising Carols which they will sing from house to house during Christmas week. Please watch out for a visit from our boys as your donation will help them.

St. Hilda's Guild

The induction service of St. Hilda's Guild was held on November 18th (St. Hilda's Day), at 7.00 p.m., in the Chapel of St. Stephen's Church and was conducted by Rev. J. C. Matthews.

Each member was presented with a badge bearing the name of "St. Hilda's Guild."

Members present: Mrs. J. Swaffield; Helen Watson, Secretary-Treasurer; Jean Adams, Needlework Mistress; Cecilia Adam, Shirley Forbes, Edith Lett, Joyce Nixon, Mary Tween.

After the service Mrs. Rees gave a very interesting talk on "Plays" and of her trip to Peace River while adjudicating the plays in that district.

Guests of the evening were, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Matthews, Mrs. Rees, Mr. and Mrs. J. Watson and Mr. J. Swaffield. Refreshments were served by members of the Guild.



Will Commercialism Oust the Christmas Festival?

Stating "that Santa Claus has pushed Jesus out of His place", the late Canon Allan P. Shatford, rector of the Church of St. James the Apostle, in Montreal, warned that commercialism might in the long run kill Christmas, and appealed for Christians to "make Jesus the centre of the festival". Today there is need for the same warning.

Taking as his text, "To make ready a people prepared for the Lord," Canon Shatford preached in part the following sermon. "Every one," he said, "recognizes the value of preparation for any event. The value of an experience is in proportion to the prepara-

tion made for it. Like everything else, preparation has its perils, and perhaps nowhere is the peril as great as at the Christmas time. The Birth of Christ is a supreme event and requires the most careful preparation. One may be forgiven for asking what relation to the real Christmas much of our present-day preparation bears. The heart of Christmas is the Child Jesus, but how far is He involved with much of our modern celebration? The truth is that Santa Claus has pushed Jesus out of His place. The major part of our preparation is purely pagan—it is concerned with eating, drinking, merry-making. Joy has a proper place in the Day, but it is not the cackle and shouting that is too prevalent now. Our first joy is in the 'glad tidings of a Saviour'. Our deepest joy is spiritual, not physical or social. The last sort of preparation we make is for the religious Feast.

"Let us be a little more specific about the perils of our Christmas preparations.

"In the first place they are too long. We begin some of them in August. Santa Claus appears in November. Christmas trees are set up in the parks a fortnight before the 25th of December. Magazines bring out their Christmas numbers in November. The stores set out their wares a full six weeks in advance of the season. We are warned to 'shop early', 'to post our letters and presents early in December'. By the time Christmas really comes people are 'fed up'. What joy remains, after all this advertisement? The Festival is becoming an intolerable burden because of the protracted preparations. It is due to commercialization of the season and that in the long run will kill Christmas. It is time that Jesus was put back into His own birthday!

"Our preparations are also too elaborate. They have become so complex as to increase anxiety and fear. With the highly mechanized toys and the costly articles, our gifts are terribly overdone. Children are being spoiled by elaborate presents. 'Too much' are the proper words for our present Christmas. The abundance does not add to the joy. It may be doubted if our happiness is even as genuine as two generations ago when things were much more simple. This multiplication of presents is becoming absurd. It would be wise to note again the simplicity of the original Christmas. 'Crowded' is the peril of our preparation now. Noise, rush, excitement, flurry, these are the things that leave us jaded and wearied, and utterly incapable of getting the truest joy out of the Blessed season.

"We are too artificial in our preparations. There is much affectation about it. The thing has been reduced to mere convention, and so sham and pretense are too frequently marks of our getting ready. We live on the surface of the season. The social customs and charities, beautiful as they are, are the externals, the accidents of the season. If they are not backed and supported by the Christ-spirit they are the merest mockeries. We have basked in the radiance of Christmas and ignored the Sun. Jesus is the centre of the festival. What preparations have we made for His coming? Can Christmas be really kept when He is left out? How far does He truly enter into our festivities? There is still time for us to think of Him. He alone can give worth to our charity and joy. 'O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.'"



BIBLE STUDY

Nothing, I believe, would have more abiding spiritual results in parish life than the promotion of systematic Bible study. It is a common complaint that the Church is over-organized and that parochial activities are too numerous. Are there none bold enough to scrap some of the machinery and start afresh, trying to build up the religious life of the parish on the basis of Bible study? Are enough expository sermons on the Bible preached? Is it necessary always to have a sermon: might not a Bible class in church take its place? There is undoubtedly a growing desire in many quarters for instruction in the Scriptures. But of course the parish priest must himself be adequately

instructed in the Bible if he is to teach it. Examining chaplains complain that, while candidates for ordination may know something about the Bible, comparatively few of them can be said to know their Bible.

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Knowledge of the Bible will fill with new meaning the Book of Common Prayer; it will help to make our worship more real and intelligent; it will create in the individual Christian a robust faith which can meet the assaults of sceptical criticism. These are "the sacred writings which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus".

—Archdeacon Storr.

Some Common Religious Words—XII. The Word of God

By Rev. Ebenezer Scott, M.A., B.D.

The WORD OF GOD, as we often hear the phrase on the lips of religious people, and meet with it in devotional literature, means nothing more nor less than the BIBLE. People to whom religion is the most vital of all their interests must have their modes of expression; and, naturally enough, they have come to call the divine dictionary from which they have learned their vocabulary, by the summary title of the Word of God.

We have to recognize, however, that the Word of God, in the sense of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is itself only a mode of expression. The Mohammedans acknowledge kinship with the Christians, in so far as we are both "people of the Book". But the Bible, letter by letter, is not the infallible authority to us that the Koran is to them. Similarly, though our sacred book, we do not regard it in precisely the same light as the "sacred books" of other Eastern religions.

Still, the Bible remains the classical expression of our religion. It is the normative rule of our religious language, as of our faith. We must always come back to its time-worn words. But we must constantly examine them afresh. We shall find them infinitely expansive in their meaning. It is not without the deepest reason that Mr. H. G. Wells's "fine-minded people" cling to the "comfort" which they find in them.

The Word of God, as the expression is popularly applied to the Bible, in itself leads us to a wider understanding of it. The Word of God is something far greater than the Scriptures themselves. "The written letter remains," is an ancient and true saying. But the word always comes before the written letter. Nothing was ever written by the hands of men, but there had been a word, or at least a thought that first took shape in some one's mind before it was committed to writing. So God spoke, and speaks, in every movement of His creative and redeeming power.

Finally, "the Word was made flesh." With this tremendous climax we reach the highest significance of the "Word of God". The Scriptures testify of Christ; but it is not enough to search them, however diligently, if we do not come to Him that we may have life.

All our common religious words, rightly understood, are derived from the true Word of God.



Rector and People

The following letter appeared over the name of the Bishop of Athabasca in the Peace Messenger. Its statements apply generally to all Canada and we have pleasure in reprinting it:

My Dear Friends:

In the Wembley Parish Bulletin, I find the following quotation:

"Use your Rector—Let him be your friend and helper in every way possible. His joy it is to serve, and his specialty is human problems. Let him be your minister in the fullest sense. If there is sorrow or sickness in your family, do not fail to let him know. If you have any problem, any moral difficulty, any question that bothers you, let him help you with it."

May I humbly endorse these words. You have in your midst a Man of God, an Ambassador of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. He is your friend, in sorrow or in joy. If you know of any person who is sick or in sorrow, tell him. Tell him at once. He cannot know by telepathy. Tell him and you will find him prompt and faithful.

He is the friend of the boys and girls in your home and Parish. Therefore be loyal to the Rector in his presence and in his absence. You would never speak unkindly of your Rector to others, especially in the presence of your children. Such an unconscious act would at once undermine his influence among them.

Pray for your Rector; pray for him each day before the throne of God, that he may be given strength, guidance, wisdom, tact, patience and love. Please do not forget to do this, he prays for you. His motto is: "I am among you as one that serveth". The Church today has a tremendous task before her everywhere. The Church needs the services of such consecrated men and women as yourselves. The task is great but we need not fear it. "If your knees knock together, kneel on them."

These are days of great crises. These are also days of great responsibility for our Church and for all who call themselves Christians, followers of Christ. These are days of great opportunity.

Let us pray. "Most merciful Father, we beseech Thee to send upon Thy servant, our Rector, Thy heavenly blessing, that he may be clothed with righteousness, and that Thy word spoken by him may have such success that it may never be spoken in vain. Replenish him with the truth of Thy doctrine and adorn him with innocency of life, that both by word and good example, he may faithfully serve Thee, to the glory of Thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Will you thus pray daily?

Your servant in Christ,

ARTHUR ATHABASCA.



Our Bishops

"No necessity to develop undue excitement." That is the heading of a newspaper article. But the article appears in the London Spectator and has to do with English, not Canadian, Bishops. Three articles are to appear. The writer is Presbyter Ignotus, whose name will be familiar to readers of The Church Times. The Editor tells us that he is a "well-qualified observer".

In the opening paragraph we are told that, while bishops today have far more duties to perform than they had half a century ago, their importance in the public eye has declined. Today the names of film-stars are better known than the names of diocesan bishops.

The first member of the episcopal bench to come under consideration is the Primate. Dr. Lang is said to be a great prelate who never forgets his exalted position as Archbishop of Canterbury. One of his most important natural assets is his voice which is said to be perfect whether he is addressing a gathering or speaking over the radio. He is supposed to be more sympathetic with the Anglo-Catholic clergy than any of his predecessors. I would have thought that any attempt at an outline of the characteristics of the present Archbishop would have included a reference to the importance that he lays upon evangelism as a necessary part of Church life and activity. But that fact seems not to have impressed itself upon Presbyter Ignotus.

The Archbishop of York presents a very marked contrast to his colleague of Canterbury. One of his characteristics is his versatility. There are few subjects of an economic, academic, or political nature on which he would not be prepared to deliver a learned discourse even if he had less time for preparation than it takes to smoke a cigarette. He is also notable for his geniality and approachableness. There is about him a complete lack of conventional prelatical dignity. I have never seen very much of English Bishops, so I have no very clear conception of the meaning of "Conventional prelatical dignity".

The first of the Bishops below Archiepiscopal rank who is brought forward for consideration, is the Bishop of Winchester, Dr. Garbett, who it seems is considered a possible successor to Dr. Lang as Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr. Garbett, we are told, is a strict disciplinarian, a staunch supporter of rearmament and an unyielding advocate of the spiritual freedom of the Church.

Next comes the Bishop of London, who has announced his retirement in the near future. In this connection we are reminded of some prophetic words of Lord Salisbury to Bishop Davidson, when the latter declined translation to London in succession to Creighton. "I am sure the time is *very* critical; and if you feel forced to decline I fear the Church may have much to suffer." And the writer thinks that notwithstanding the Bishop's gifts, piety and affectionate nature Salisbury's forebodings were amply justified—a conclusion however which hardly seems warranted by the fact that in July last the Bishop consecrated the 90th church during his episcopate and double or treble that number of parish halls. Dr. Ingram may not have been a great disciplinarian, but I think most people who have had the pleasure of knowing him would agree that he was a great Christian.

Dr. Headlam of Gloucester and Dr. Henson of Durham are described as independent, forceful and vigorous, and both of them representative of the older type of English bishop. The Bishop of Gloucester is a native of the north of England, who has sometimes startled Oxford by his brusqueness. He has no sympathy for ecclesiastical intrigue or the byways of the clerical mind. That leaves me wondering just what is meant by "ecclesiastical intrigue and the byways of the clerical mind".

The mention of the Bishop of Gloucester reminds me of an incident that occurred when he visited Canada some years ago. It was on the occasion of a General Synod when he preached the sermon at the opening session. Later on he came into Synod to say goodbye. The Canadian bishops were seated round him on the platform. In his speech he made reference to the English method of episcopal appointment. It might seem illogical, but when he looked about him, he thought there was a good deal to be said for it. He meant of course when he looked about in a wide sense, but the gesture that accompanied that statement made it appear that he had only the Canadian Episcopate in mind. The Lower House enjoyed the joke immensely. The Upper House, however, did not concur.

—CURATE.

THE FIRST RECORDED KEEPING OF CHRISTMAS



There is frequent mention of the keeping of Easter in records of the early Church, and there is little doubt that some remembering of the day when Jesus was born in Bethlehem was also observed, but the first distinct record of the keeping of Christmas Day is a tragic one, in the year 303, that darkest year in Christian annals.

On February 22nd, 303, Diocletian signed the edict which began the last and greatest of the ten persecutions of the early Church. All Christians were declared atheists and anarchists and commanded to sacrifice to the old Roman gods on pain of death. All through the great Roman Empire churches were razed, Christian books destroyed, and men and women put to death for no crime but loyalty to their faith.

Among the ghastly stories of death there is one telling how, several months after the publication of the edict, some Christians in a remote village on the tableland of Phrygia, "met to celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ, this being their custom". One must assume that these Christians had no idea that they were being watched, or else their open defiance of the law would have been too reckless. There is no record of their numbers, probably they were only a few, but men, women and children met in their humble little wooden church on Christmas morning, and as they listened to the old story of the great birth the soldiers of the emperor came. They did not enter the church, they only blocked the door, then piling wood around it, they set it on fire. But, "the persecutors heard the voices of the Christians singing even as they died, praising God in the fire". Above the roar of the flames and the crashing of falling walls they chanted:

"Glory to God in the highest,
On earth peace, goodwill to men."

They sang of peace and goodwill in that extremity of violence and hate! They met to remember Christ's manger-cradle and He took them to His throne!

That is the first recorded keeping of Christmas, the first historical mention of Christians making a festival to remember the day when Christ the Lord was born, a human child. There is no record of the date when those Christians of Phrygia met for Christmas worship, and it has been argued that it could not have been in December, eleven months after the publication of the edict; but it was not till early in 305 that the persecutors kept the "Terminalia", for all public profession of Christianity had been "terminated" in the Roman Empire,—the world of that day. So it is not impossible, nor even improbable, that in December 303 some church in an isolated country village might have ventured to hold their usual Christmas Service. We know that, fifty-one years later, in 354, when Christianity was adopted as the religion of the Empire, December 25th was set

apart as Christmas, the day when "Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea", this evidently being the date commonly accepted then.

So it is very probable that it was on December 25th, our Christmas Day, that those Christians of Phrygia met to sing their Christmas hymns—and to die by fire, with their little children! It is too horrible a tale for our merry Christmas, we may think. When so much has been forgotten, surely—

"This tale, so terrible, were it not best
If it, too, were forgotten with the rest?
Unless, perchance, our eyes can see therein
The martyrdom triumphant o'er the sin;
A double picture, with its gloom and glow,
The splendour overhead, though death
below."

—Longfellow.



Diocese of Quebec

The English minority population of the province who, whether rightly or wrongly, often speak of being ousted from the land, were bluntly told by the President of the Protestant Colonisation Association in the Townships that if they do not colonize the province, the time will come when others will. Every aid has been given by the Government to the English Association and so far upwards of 50 Anglican families have taken land in the colonization area near Cookshire. A priest of the diocese, the Rev. C. E. S. Bown, is president of the Association in charge of this settlement. Two schools have been built and equipped. Forty pupils are in attendance. Services of the church are supplied by a deacon from Bishop's College, Lennoxville. Public service clubs and the I.O.D.E. have furnished clothing and other supplies to the colony. The health of the settlers is under careful supervision. At the annual meeting of the Association the President, who was re-elected, stated that "we may look forward with confidence to the success of the settlement". The crops this year were fair and the land apparently is fertile. Houses have been built with government aid.

The Association's officers include ministers of Protestant denominations.

The question of applying to the Government for a grant for erecting a church to be vested in the Bishop of Quebec and to be available for the use of other religious bodies was referred to the Executive Committee for consideration.



SUCH AS I HAVE

There will be ready on Christmas night,
A fire of birch logs burning bright—
Every window pane will throw,
Candle light upon the snow—
Boughs of fresh-cut balsam fir,
Instead of frankincense and myrrh—
And given in the place of gold,
All the love my heart can hold.

—Lucy A. K. Adee.

Comments Original and Otherwise

"Curate"

THE CHURCH PLACID AND UNALARMED

In his Presidential address before the Church Congress, the Bishop of Bristol spoke in part as follows:

"The Church is the Body of Christ, the extension of the Incarnation through which He acts upon the world today. It is the Spirit-filled Society, the channel through which the Holy Ghost makes His power felt and does His work. It is called to be active, militant, a dynamic force, converting individual men and women and recalling them to God, but influencing also and guiding the life of the whole community and directing it to spiritual ends. How grievously the Church, as it is, falls short of this high ideal is patent to us all. It is absorbed in things that are of small importance when set alongside of its high calling, tithings of mint and cummin, the very failings and shortcomings which Christ detected and rebuked in the Church of His own day on earth. While God is openly denied, while the very foundations of Christianity are shaking, while forces hostile to man's spiritual life are everywhere appearing, the Church pursues its way placid and unalarmed. Those who are counted "good Churchmen" devote themselves to the minutiae of worship, to questions of ritual and ceremonial and Church order which have no relevance at all to the turmoil of the times. The rank and file of Church-people have little sense of purpose. Their Churchmanship consists in going to Church on Sunday, taking some part in the organizations of the parish, and leading respectable and blameless lives. Meanwhile, the world outside pursues its stormy course, regarding the activities and preoccupations of the Church with a kindly if a somewhat contemptuous tolerance."

Then he went on to say that he was well aware that what he had said would seem to many exaggerated and one-sided, that he was indulging only in destructive criticism. On that account he would make a couple of constructive suggestions. Here is one of his suggestions which I would like to pass on to others.

"We should be straining every nerve to recall men and women to a living faith in God and to active discipleship of Jesus Christ. 'The root of our difficulties,' said Dr. Headlam recently, 'is the fact that we no longer vitally believe in God.' *'The conversion of the world,' said an American preacher a generation ago, 'waits for the conversion of the laity from a passive to an active discipleship of Christ. This then, now as at all times, is the first task of the Church: so to present the Gospel, by the preaching of the Word, and still more by the witness of our daily lives, as to commend it to those who have not yet received it, and to compel them to come in. The ideal which we shall put before them is not the salvation of their own souls, but surrender to God Who needs their service and Who can give them power to become His sons and to live for Him.'*

A very similar statement was made by the Archbishop of York who preached the Congress sermon.

"The Church must be a society in which all who accept the Gospel are visibly united; secondly, all members of the Church must be conscious of that membership as involving an allegiance prior to all earthly loyalties or attachments. What the world manifestly needs is a message from the God of all the earth declaring His character and purpose, and a fellowship of persons who, having received that message, are dedicated as a fellowship to life in conformity with it as they bear witness to it before the world, and, if need be, against the world. That need is met by the Gospel and the Church."

Bishop Karney of Southampton gave an address on "The Church Militant". Here is one paragraph.

"Our Church of England religion today is too mild—it has no sting. We are not even unpopular. We need to sound a trumpet call to repentance—but first of all we need to repent ourselves. We have to repent of our concern with the secondary, our feeble prayers, our unreal worship, our failure to attract. Such a great call to repentance should begin with the clergy and communicants.

If the whole Church repented and waited on the Lord, great things would happen. We should find the resources for advance were inexhaustible, for Christ would pour His Spirit upon us. We should begin to turn the world upside down. We might even be unpopular."

Surely something is bound to happen when we find the leaders of the Church facing facts in that fashion.

"SO AS BY FIRE"

That is the heading of an article by Canon Barry in a recent number of London Spectator. "All sane men and women," says Canon Barry, "long for peace, but we need a far more positive approach to it. For the last ten years we have tried to avoid war, and have almost fallen into the abyss of it."

"Whatever be the anxieties and sacrifices which may be imposed upon us in the coming time, let us at least regain our souls, and be loyal to the things that made us, and for which we stand in the world. Let us seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and try to build our own lives, and the common life, on the will of God and the truth which is in Christ. In the reaction from the strain of last month, many are now plunged into the depths of despair, and pessimism, and bitterness, which are just as bad for us and just as false as unthinking, superficial jubilation. If we believe in God both are wrong. What we need is penitent, trustful faith, turning to God in confident humility, to "be up and doing and rebuild our city."

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**VEN. ARCHDEACON J. LOFTHOUSE
BISHOP-ELECT OF THE DIOCESE
OF KEEWATIN**

Born at Wadsley, Sheffield, England, March 17, 1880, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Ann Lofthouse.

Early education at the Church School in his home parish. Prepared for an industrial and business life.

In the year 1904 came to Canada for missionary work, and that year entered Wycliffe College, Toronto, graduating in 1908. A member of the University of Toronto Association Football team; and Captain of University College team in his final year.

Ordained deacon 1907 and priest 1908 by Bishop Lofthouse, his uncle, the first Bishop of Keewatin.

As a student served as assistant missionary Split Lake and the Wabigoon Mission. Appointed incumbent of St. James, Rainy River, 1908. Appointed Canon of St. Alban's Pro-Cathedral, 1914. In the year 1915 was appointed General Missionary of the Diocese and Secretary of the Synod.

In 1921 appointed Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Keewatin.

In 1928 appointed Archdeacon of Kenora by Bishop Dewdney.

In 1929 became rector of St. Alban's Pro-Cathedral, Kenora, retaining Diocesan offices except that of Treasurer.

Married to Louisa Kelleway, 1914. One son, Robert Noel. Two daughters, Marguerite and Mary.

Brigade Chaplain, Captain, 16th Medium Battery, How. R.C.A., Chaplain Kenora branch, Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L.

Elected to become third Bishop of Keewatin on the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels, September 29th, 1938.

Received degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1938 from Wycliffe College, Toronto, and from St. John's College, Winnipeg.

Consecrated a Bishop in the Church of God by His Grace, the Archbishop of Rupert's Land at Kenora, Ont., on St. Andrew's Day, 1938.



Diocese of Edmonton

Since the first of September Confirmations have been held all over the Diocese by the Bishop who returned from a brief visit to England at the end of August.

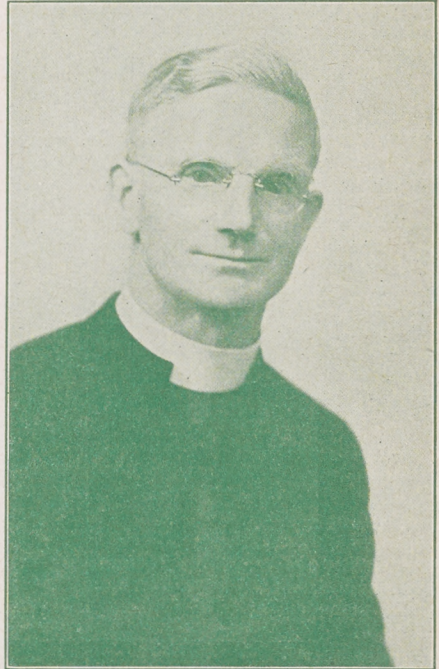
The first Confirmation Service ever held in that part of the Diocese was conducted by the Lord Bishop at Drayton Valley in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. This church and mission house were built by the Maple Leaf Association and the work there has been supported by the Maple Leaf. A nurse (Miss Higgs) is also doing excellent work in this district, for Drayton is a nursing centre. Confirmations have been held in the extreme north of the Diocese at Mayerthorpe (Rev. A. Hunt) and at Landonville (Rev. R. Faulks) where a large number of candidates were presented.

At Edson in the west of the Diocese a church

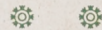
recently built at Wolf Creek was dedicated (St. Matthew's) by the bishop.

At Vegreville, seventy-three candidates were presented by Rev. Austen for Confirmation. This is the largest number ever recorded at one time. The candidates came from various districts north of Vegreville as far as 60 miles away and trucks were used to bring these young people from their homes.

At Breton the work of the Church is progressing rapidly under the care of Rev. George Mackey and forty candidates were presented.



A large congregation gathered to witness the Confirmation and a number of those present avowed their intention of being confirmed next year. This large district has only recently been opened up by the Church. It is expected that three churches will be built in this locality during the next few months.



CHRISTMAS CAROL

O little stars, you shine so bright,
For Christ is born this holy night,
Who gives to all the world His light.
In excelsis gloria!

O Little birds, you sing so sweet,
Because we worship at His feet,
Whose love shall make our joy complete.
In excelsis gloria!

Oh, I will raise my glad anthem,
For Christ is born in Bethlehem,
And angels bid me sing with them,
"In excelsis gloria!"

—Wihla Hutson.



DECEMBER

4. **SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT.**
6. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, Circa 342.
8. Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
11. **THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT.**
Accession of King George.
14. Ember Day.
Birthday of King George.
16. O Sapientia.
Ember Day.
17. Ember Day.
18. **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT.**
21. **St. Thomas, Apostle and Martyr.**
24. Christmas Eve.
25. **CHRISTMAS DAY.**
26. **St. Stephen, First Martyr.**
27. **St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.**
28. **Innocents' Day.**
29. Thomas, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1170.

A BIBLE READING CRUSADE

The British and Foreign Bible Society has founded in England "The League of Christian Youth" for the purpose of bringing together young people on the basis of a fellowship acknowledging the Divine Revelation of the Bible. Among the many divisions of Christendom, Scripture is yet the common bond. Here is a rallying ground and the Bible Society believes that the increased circulation and reading of Scripture will itself create a cohesion among Christian communions by emphasizing those things which all have in common.

It has been suggested that in Canada a similar consolidation of Christian opinion and strengthening of Christian influence should be sought by encouraging a wider reading of Holy Scripture and that the literature and teaching departments of our Christian communions might well encourage in Canada a Bible Reading Crusade. Most denominations include in their literature for young people carefully selected Scripture passages for daily reading. How far these suggestions are followed it would be difficult to say, but beyond all doubt much can still be done to encourage Bible Reading.

In our own publications Scripture readings will be found in each of the Lesson Courses for the Sunday School above the Primary Department. In the Home Department Quarterly for parents and in the Adventurer for young people there is a daily comment on the reading.

One wonders how far parents encourage the use of these courses. Helps for Bible Reading and study courses are also available.

"The Bible Readers' Fellowship" is in three grades each month and may be bought through the G.B.R.E.

"Forward", published by the Protestant Episcopal Church of the U.S.A. is a little book-

let issued periodically at various prices from 3 cents upwards. This is kept in stock by the G.B.R.E.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has suggested that the Fourth Centenary of the English Bible might well be marked by an effort to assure a return to Bible Reading. "If it is true," said His Grace, "as I fear it is, that the Bible is no longer read and known as it once was, then the soul of the people must be impoverished. Let this year be marked by a sustained endeavour to restore and revive the reading and study of the Bible. This must be an indispensable part of any 'Recall to Religion'."

While the Bible Society by its constitution must publish Scripture "without note or comment" and has always avoided recommending any particular selection of Scripture passages, yet its leadership in the broad effort towards a wider reading of the Bible should be of immense value, and should lend encouragement to those who have such work at heart.



THE CANADIAN CHURCH CALENDAR 1939

The subject of the Cover Picture of the 1939 Calendar is especially suitable for meditation, in view of conditions in the world today—"The Storm at Sea", as in St. Luke 8: 24-25 and St. Mark 4: 39, painted by the great German artist A. Dietrich.

In view of the fact that in 1938 was celebrated the 400th anniversary of the giving of the Bible, in English, to the people of England—this has been taken as the theme for the Calendar. In it are reproduced a number of interesting pictures of early manuscripts, 'The Book of Kells', illuminated pages, and one full page reproduction in colours of the magnificently illuminated Frontispiece to St. Matthew's Gospel in the Lindisfarne Gospels, 7th Century.

There are many other coloured pictures of Biblical subjects and a number of interesting pictures of the work being done in the various mission fields.

The Annual Message from the Bishops, daily readings on the Calendar pages, and lectionary pages showing the colours, complete an attractive, interesting and instructive calendar—very suitable for use as a Christmas gift.

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A PRAYER FOR LABOUR AND INDUSTRY

O Lord, our heavenly Father, we humbly beseech Thy mercy for the multitudes in this land who are suffering from scarcity and want. Revive the work and industries by which they live. Restore order and peace in the industrial life. Grant that justice and righteousness may regulate the distribution of the rewards of labour. Guide the hearts and minds both of employers and employed that they may be led to mutual forbearance and conciliation; and grant that Thy grace may so purify the hearts of men, that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, forever and ever. Amen.



One Communion and Fellowship

December

"Love Divine, all loves excel-
ling,
Joy of Heaven, to earth
come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwell-
ing,

All Thy faithful mercies crown."

—Chas. Wesley.

"Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King.
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"

—Chas. Wesley.

"How oft, O Lord, Thy face hath shone
On doubting souls, whose wills were true!
Thou Christ of Cephias and of John,
Thou art the Christ of Thomas too."

—Canon Bright.

"First of martyrs, thou whose name
Doth thy golden crown proclaim,
Not of flowers that fade away
Weave we this thy crown today."

—From the Latin.

"Praise for the loved disciple, exile
on Patmos' shore;
Praise for the faithful record he to
Thy Godhead bore.
Praise for the mystic vision, through
him to us revealed;
May we, in patience waiting, with
Thine elect be sealed."

"Praise for Thine infant martyrs,
by Thee with tenderest love
Called early from the warfare to
share Thy rest above."

—Earl Nelson.

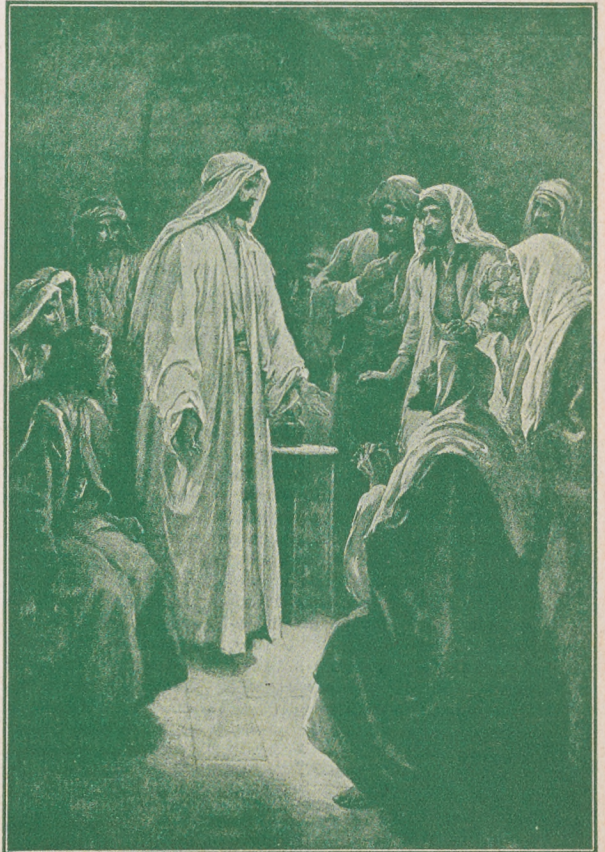
Wheatley, writing on the Book of
Common Prayer, tells us:

"As there are three kinds of martyr-
dom, the first both in will and deed,
which is the highest; the second in will
but not in deed; the third in deed but
not in will; so the Church commemor-
ates these martyrs in the same order;
St. Stephen first, who suffered death
both in will and deed; St. John the
evangelist next, who suffered martyr-
dom in will but not in deed; the Holy
Innocents last, who suffered in deed
but not in will."

All three of these ranks of martyrs
lay their palms of victory by the man-
ger cradle of Bethlehem, for so they
are placed by our Church's calendar
for December, the light of their haloes
shining in the altar lights of the Christ-
mas Eucharist.

With them our calendar places St.
Thomas (Dec. 21) the loving doubter
whom our Lord chose as one of the

Twelve, even as He chose the ardent strength
of Peter and John. As in the lists of the
Apostles Thomas is always coupled with
Matthew, we may fancy that he was a friend of
the repentant publican. His call is not recorded,
and it is noteworthy that while Mark and Luke
write "Matthew and Thomas", as the second
couple in the second four, St. Matthew puts
"Thomas and Matthew". It is St. John who
gives us the three incidents recorded of St.
Thomas in the Gospels. The Master and the
Twelve have retired beyond Jordan to escape
the fury of the Jews at Jerusalem. The sisters
of Bethany send word of the sickness of Laz-
arus, but when Christ speaks of returning to
Judaea the disciples are alarmed and vainly try
to dissuade Him. Then Thomas speaks, "Let
us also go, that we may die with Him." Poor
Thomas! When that dark Passover came,
Thomas with the others "forsook Him and fled".
And on that first Easter day he was sunk in
such despairing gloom that he shunned even his
fellow-disciples, refusing to believe when they
broke in upon him shouting, "The Lord is risen."
This self-locked prisoner in the deepest dungeon
of Giant Despair replied, "Except I see in His
hands the print of the nails, and put my finger



"My Lord and my God."

into the print of the nails and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe." But still the next "first day" Thomas was with the others, and when Love Divine came to meet the poor doubter, Thomas's was the cry of faith, "My Lord and my God."



Stephen, the first Christian martyr.

In the early days converts from paganism were baptized at Epiphany, the traditional date of our Lord's baptism, but as Christianity went north the climate made the change to Easter necessary. Then for the Easter octave the newly baptized, in their white baptismal robes, came each day to church for religious instruction. On the next Sunday they wore their usual work-day garments (hence the name, Low or Clothes Sunday) and were finally dismissed with the blessing of St. Thomas, "Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed."

Once more St. John mentions Thomas, the loving doubter as being one of the seven who had the wonderful meeting with our Lord, the risen Christ, by Galilee. Then with the mere mention of his name, as one of the Eleven in the Acts, Thomas passes from sacred history. Tradition takes him to India, where as his entrance as a Christian is opposed he arranges to be sold as a slave. In that way he wins his master's favour as a workman, and founds a Church among his fellow-slaves. When the Neronian persecution reaches even to India, his

master, to save the gentle slave from a crueler death, kills him with a spear. An ancient native Church in India is still called the Christians of St. Thomas.

Radiant shines the second of our Christmas saints, Stephen, whose name means crown or crowned. Tradition makes him the lad who shyly brings his lunch, "five barley loaves and two small fishes", to the Master on the green hill by Galilee still known as the "Feeding Place". This miraculous feeding of five thousand on a boy's lunch is mentioned by all four of the Evangelists.

Stephen enters sacred history as one of the seven deacons appointed to "serve tables", i.e., administer social service (Acts 6: 5). Stephen is also a preacher of power, arousing the fury of the Sadducee High Priest party, and so that brilliant young life is cut short by his being stoned by a mob, December 26, 40 A.D. But he lives forever, the boy who was crowned, in heaven with the saints, and on earth by the Church as the saint of youth immortal, a personality of radiance, forever crying "Excelsior". And such was the "excellent brightness of that dead (?) hand that from the grave it drew Saul the Pharisee to Christ", giving the Church her greatest saint, St. Paul.

Beside St. Stephen in his youth eternal, the Church has set St. John the aged, who, tradition says, served his Lord for over a century on earth. We read much of him in the Gospels, "the disciple whom Jesus loved," loved with a personal affection differing from His passion of pity for the wandering sheep of the world. Apparently in that son of a Galilean fisherman our Lord saw more of a likeness to the inhabitants of heaven. He felt more at home with John, which adds to our interest in the young disciple. His father, Zebedee, owned fishing boats and had hired help besides his two sons. Salome, his mother, was sister to the Virgin, and was ambitious and capable. We meet her at the cross and going to the tomb that first Easter. As St. John's Gospel deals mainly with our Lord in Jerusalem, and John was known to the High Priest's servants, it is probable that he was a student there, at the feet of some rabbi like Gamaliel. His writings show that he had poetic gifts, and his mother may have dreamed that he would be the prophet the people longed for. It was four centuries since God had spoken to His people by a prophet, and the people, chafing under the Roman yoke, longed impatiently for the Messiah, and first the prophet who would announce His coming.

Then John the Baptist came, and John with Andrew, a neighbour, went to hear him, becoming his disciples, until he pointed them to the Lamb of God.

From then young John was a disciple of the One he soon accepted as the Messiah; he went with Peter to prepare the Last Supper, and in

his Gospel gave us the wonderful discourse uttered then. Certainly he failed his Master in Gethsemane, but he was near Him through the ghastly travesty of a trial. He only of the Twelve was at the cross; to him our Lord committed his mother. He with Peter was early at the tomb that Easter morn. He was first to recognize Christ when He came to the seven fishing in Galilee.

After the Ascension John worked with Peter in Jerusalem, then went to Asia Minor, becoming overseer or bishop of the seven Churches of Asia, listed in his Revelation. His home was in Ephesus, and from there he wrote his Epistles full of the love of God, for under the teachings of Christ the one-time Son of Thunder had become St. John the Divine.

He escaped the first persecution, under Nero, being the only survivor of the Twelve. Tertullian tells us that in the second persecution Domitian had him cast into a vat of boiling oil, but he escaped uninjured, so was sent to the stone quarries of Patmos, where he wrote Revelation. This great allegorical poem is hardly to be considered prophecy or history. We can quote one of its pictures, the vision of the White Horse and his rider, symbol of the conquest of the world by Christianity, but the triumph is delayed by the Red Horse, type of the constant wars of Christendom. Then wars are always followed by want and disease, causing bitter discontent and misery, typified by the Black and Pale horses. On his release John returned to Ephesus, to write his Gospel of the Word made flesh on that first Christmas.

—E. A. TAYLOR.

Editor's Note: Readers of Church Messenger will be sorry to hear that Miss Taylor who has contributed this page since January 1926, has met with an accident. Prayers for her will be appreciated.

Diocese of Toronto

Archbishop Owen, Primate of All Canada, celebrated Communion at the seventh annual provincial conference of the A.Y.P.A. in Peterboro.

The Service was in old St. John's Church, in which the Archbishop's father and mother worshipped for many years, and which he has known since his student days.

At the opening rally in All Saints' Church Dean Waterman, of Niagara, voiced a stirring challenge to over 300 delegates gathered from Ottawa on the east, Sarnia and Windsor on the west, and Sault Ste. Marie on the north.

"Your greatest dignity is that you are responsible representatives of Jesus Christ, put here with a message from Him to all other young people around you," he said.

Despising not the day of small things, the congregation of the Church of the Messiah, Toronto, are delighted with the results of hearing the pennies dropping during the past year. About a year ago the enterprising group decided to adopt the cent-a-meal boxes as a system of giving for the reduction of debts; to date more than \$2,000 has been brought in, and the prospects are that the amount will reach the \$3,000 mark before the year closes.

This month the Diocese of Toronto has a Commencement Sunday to mark the opening of a series of Services in preparation for the celebrations of the 100th Anniversary of the consecration of the first Bishop of the Diocese—the Venerable and Honorable John Strachan, on August 4, 1839, at Lambeth Palace, England.

The work of the Missionaries in Upper Canada was commenced in 1784 and was financed by the offerings of the Mother Church of England. There were no roads, the country was uncleared, the Missionaries perforce had to cover great distances. The workers were few, and the territory great, and the need of the administration and services of the Church still greater. The Missionaries had to travel on horseback in all weather, subject to great hardships and privations. All of this was gladly accepted by men happy only in working for the extension of God's Kingdom. This Diocese owes much, very much, to them, and much more to the Spirit of God, without whose guidance and support the work could not have been done.

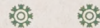
The territory of the Diocese of Toronto as at first constituted was large. It included the present Diocese of:

Huron	set up in 1857
Ontario . . .	set up in 1861
Algoma . . .	set up in 1873
Niagara . . .	set up in 1875
Ottawa	set up in 1896

In the original Diocese of Toronto in 1839 there were 150 Stations and 54 Clergymen. Today, in the present Diocese of Toronto and the five new Dioceses set up in her original territory, there are 1137 Stations, and 647 Clergymen. In the present Diocese of Toronto there are now 274 Stations and 210 Clergymen.

We have indeed reaped that which others have sown. While, undoubtedly, it is our duty to reap the fruits of the labour of others, it is just as much our undoubted duty to sow so that our successors may reap, and the work of the Church be extended, and the Glory of God manifested.

Thanksgiving Services are to be held from time to time in every Church, culminating in great Services on the first day of the next Synod, the time of the Centenary Celebrations.



ARCHBISHOP CHRYSOSTOMOS, PRIMATE OF GREECE, DIES

Archbishop Chrysostomos of Athens, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church, died October 22nd in Athens, Greece. He was 69 years old.

An author and scholar, the Archbishop was professor of ecclesiastical history at the University of Athens and a member of the Athens academy. Born at Madytos, Thrace, in 1868, he studied at Athens, Kiev, and St. Petersburg (now Leningrad). Before returning to Greece in 1911, he was professor of theology in the School of the Cross in Jerusalem.

He was elected Archbishop of Athens and Primate of Greece in 1911, and one of his last ceremonial acts was to perform the marriage ceremony for Crown Prince Paul and Princess Fredericka of Brunswick on September 1st.

—The Living Church.

M. S. C. C.

CANADIAN CHURCH MISSION—DIOCESE OF HONAN, CHINA

I.

Kaifeng, Honan.

August 30th, 1938 — Air Mail.

To The Reverend Canon Gould,
General Secretary, M.S.C.C.

Mr. Kennedy, business manager of the C.I.M. Hospital, took a trip to Hankow and brought me up some ready cash, as well as for Relief Work and his own Mission. A Japanese plane with Prince Yakada on board brought in \$10,000 from Peking which had been allotted to our Relief Committee for Relief Work, from the International Red Cross, Hankow, sent to Peking and brought down through their courtesy. The relations between the Japanese authorities here and the foreigners have been very fine, thanks to the gentlemen on our Committee keeping in close touch with them. I think Kaifeng has fared better than any other city as far as refugee camps and missionaries are concerned and we are more than thankful.

Practically all our churches have been heard from except Yung'chen. Most of the church premises have been entered either by Japanese or Chinese bandits and the workers robbed of their personal belongings, and some of the church furnishings also. No one has been injured or lives lost though, and we are all thankful for that. Bishop Tsen is well and he and Canon Wei are doing all they can by mail to keep in touch with the workers, but it is not easy and they feel very helpless these days and very dependent on us. We are more than glad we have been able to remain here. . . .

This week we have closed our St. Mary's Compound as a refugee camp and put all the young girls and women from 10 years to 30 years and over into St. Mary's and are opening up a short-term school. This morning we had 200 girls at Service which quite filled our Chen Li T'ang for our daily morning prayers at 7 o'clock.

The women and small babies are all in St. Andrew's—about 300 in all now and Mrs. Simmons and the Biblewomen have daily Services and classes for them still.

Miss Searle has not returned yet with the other Kaifeng workers but we hope they can get through, the railways are very disrupted these days and there are constant attacks from the mobile units on the Chinese side in the country. There is no business in the city which is "dead" compared with its former busy and prosperous condition.

II.

Kaifeng, Sept. 20th, 1938.

Kaifeng is getting organized again and the people have their new "good citizen" certificates so can come and go freely on the streets. We have opened a girls' school from our "camp girls" and still have over 150 in residence in St.

Mary's. They provide and make their own food and have four hours of study each day. We hope later to have a regular school when Miss Clark and Miss Howard return. There is a small day school begun on the Cathedral Compound. We call it a short-term Bible School stressing, of course, Bible teaching but are giving a few Chinese subjects as well.

Last Wednesday evening and on Sunday morning, we had two special Services when 90 girls and women and 8 men entered the Catechumenate here at the Nankuan Church. There were also 12 people who entered at the Cathedral—the biggest number we have ever had at one time in our Mission history and fine young people they are too.

We have heard from all the Mission Stations now except Yungch'eng. We still have no news of what has happened there.

All our churches have suffered badly. The workers have lost most of their personal things and the Church vestments and Communion Vessels, etc., have been taken from nearly all the churches. Kweiteh City Church lost everything in that way.

Rev. G. A. Andrew's and Miss Robbins' homes were badly looted and their personal things have been taken. Miss Robbins wrote that she was back in the city and carpenters were repairing doors and windows, making drawers for cupboards, etc. She had borrowed two small tables and two benches from Mr. Andrew's house and was trying gradually to get her place fixed up again, but the place was strewn with literature, pictures and frames that had been taken from the walls and thrown on the floor. Mirrors with bayonets thrust through them and wanton destruction everywhere!

This winter will be a very hard one on the poor, for all their winter clothing has been taken or else has been sold for food for their present needs. Our Relief Committee are planning an extensive relief work all through this area this coming winter.

Our camps are officially closed now and practically everyone has gone. It has been wonderful how easily it has been done, very few difficult cases to be dealt with. It seems very quiet in our compounds after so many hundreds with us these past three months. The heads of the streets came to the Boys' School the other morning and presented us with eight large board and silk banners as a 'thank you' for all that had been done for them. The Bishop gave them a very fine Christian message and we entertained them with tea and cakes afterwards. We have an entrance now to practically every home in this district and the surrounding country side, so have an excellent opportunity for work here and are very glad to have Misses Clark and Howard to join us in it.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) F. MAY WATTS.

One Hundred Years Ago

Day of Public Fasting: The following pamphlets were issued at the time of the day appointed (Friday, 14th December, 1838), by proclamation, for public fasting and humiliation before Almighty God; and to supplicate His mercy that He would be graciously pleased to put an end to the troubles which agitate the province of Upper Canada and to restore to it the blessings of peace and prosperity. At **Cobourg:** "National Judgments provoked by National Sins", a sermon preached in St. Peter's Church by the Rev. A. N. Bethune and printed by R. D. Chatterton, 24 pp. At **Niagara:** Two discourses delivered in St. Mark's Church by Rev. Thos. Green, printed by Simpson and Menzies, Chronicle office, 21 pages. At **Toronto:** A Form of Prayer to be used on Friday, 14th December, 1838. Printed by R. Stanton, 8 pages. Copies in the Toronto University Library and Ontario Archives.

Lord Durham's Action: Sir Francis Bond Head, The Hall, Atherstone, to the Archdeacon of York. Recalls the protection the Archdeacon afforded his family. "It is now with feelings of satisfaction no man can deprive me of that I feel how forlorn would be the state of the Canadas if Bidwell's House of Assembly at present existed and if the newspapers of McKenzie, O'Grady and O'Callaghan were still at work. The operation, however, of annihilating these powers was a desperate one and when I trusted to the people of U.C. if they had deceived me, or contrary to my calculations had refused to come to my call, I should, indeed, have in point of character been ruined. I thank God, however, that it turned out otherwise. The papers will tell you that Lord Durham has arrived. As long as he was reigning, I would not say a word that could obstruct him but now that he has returned I must own that I think his appoint't of Turton was, to my mind, particularly offensive. I always thought that like a millstone it would sink him, and that like a curse it would wither him. His proclamation I think highly injudicious and, indeed, I think no words he can utter can excuse his return. The Imperial Parlia't were either right or wrong in thinking his ordinances were illegal. If they were right, he was wrong. If they were wrong, by standing at his post and proving it, his triumph would have been splendid." December 4, 1838. (Ontario Archives)

Standon L.C.: J. Cotton Powell, Sec'y S.P.G., to Bishop G. J. Mountain. London, 5th December, 1838. The Society have voted £25 in response to your Lordship's application for a grant to the Rev. Robert Knight of Frampton in aid of erecting a small church at Standon. The salary of the Rev. Henry Burges of Nicolet, L.C., is to be raised to £100. Rev. Geo. Salmon of Shefford, L.C., to be allowed a retiring pension of £100.

King's College, Toronto: Tenders were called for the erection of buildings for the University of King's College to consist of apartments for

students and Proctor, Chapel, Library, Museum and Lecture-rooms. Jos. Wells, Registrar and Bursar. Lot Street, opposite College Ave., Toronto. 5th September, 1838. (from The Church)

U. C. College, Toronto, was re-opened on 27th September with an increase of students. The Rev. C. Maynard, Mathematical Master; the Rev. H. Scadding, third Classical Master; and the Rev. C. Mathews, first Classical Master, superintend the institution until a new Principal is appointed to succeed Rev. Dr. Harris. (Oct., 1838)

Rev. Dr. Harris of U. C. College. Mr. Alan Fairford contributes a lengthy article "U. C. College and Its First Principal" to "The Church". August 4, 1838.

Georgina, U.C.: A former resident of Canada, Mr. J. W. Jackson has repeatedly applied to the S.P.G. for a grant in aid of building a church in the township of Georgina. Our impression is that a portion of the 1835 grant was intended for the church in question. S.P.G. Sec'y to Bishop—5th December, 1838.

Paris, U.C.: Bishop G. J. Mountain to the Sec'y of Upper Canada Clergy Society, Exeter Hall, London. Dated Marchmont near Quebec, 18th December, 1838. I am not insensible, be assured, of the obligations of this diocese to the U.C.C. Society. The visitation of Upper Canada has given me an opportunity of witnessing the labours of some of their missionaries. Among those whom I had not before seen is **Mr. O'Neill**, an invaluable man. **Mr. Osler** is an indefatigable labourer in the cause. **Mr. O'Meara** passed a most creditable examination and appears deeply interested in the arduous duty of Sault Ste. Marie mission. **Mr. Hill** had scarcely entered upon his labours. Your letter respecting **Mr. Morse** I received a month ago. I went to the Archdeacon of York at Toronto and to Mr. Dickson of Paris to inform them of my concurrence in the proposal that Mr. Morse be stationed at Paris. I met Mr. O'Neill at Paris in September and met the heads of the congregation. I assume the requisite testimonials of Mr. Morse from the West Indies will be obtained without difficulty. . . Thank the Sec'y of C.M.S. for his letter on the subject.

Newmarket, U.C.: Mr. Athill whom I ordained deacon on 7th October is in temporary charge of Newmarket, a place which has been mentioned by Mr. Osler as partaking of the benefit of his useful and widely extended labours. The U.C.C. Society was disposed to adopt Mr. Athill, who was previously on my own list of candidates for orders. (S.P.G. Letters).

Burford, U.C.: The Rev. Francis Evans, Rector of Woodhouse, being unable to preach in the new church at Burford, preached in the school-house on 2nd October 1838. The Burford church, though chiefly intended for use by the Congregationalists, was also to be used by other ministers approved by the trustees. A misunderstanding occurred on the occasion of

Mr. Evans' first visit after the completion of the church and a letter appeared in the Toronto "Examiner" on the subject. (See "The Church", 3rd November, 1838.)

Mimico and Weston U.C.: Rev. Thos. Phillips, D.D., incumbent, performs Services in Christ's Church, a neat building with churchyard, pewed and painted; the furniture of the altar-piece was given by John Gamble: and at the church in the station in the north of the township. **Weston Church** is complete, pewed and painted and fenced, with altar-piece, desk and pulpit painted at expense of Sheriff Jarvis. Baptisms 57, Communicants 85. At the Bishop's recent visit 63 were Confirmed. ("The Church, Oct., 1838.)

Manitowaning, U.C.: Rev. Chas C. Brough, Great Manitowaning Island, to the Archdeacon of York. Tells of his journey to the Island along with the families of Capt. Anderson, Dr. Darling, Mr. Bayley and his own; the conditions they found there; the need of an interpreter; the progress of the R.C. mission under Rev. Mr. Proulx; lack of Government protection, etc. December 20th, 1838. (Ontario Archives.)

Winnipeg: Appeal to the C.M.S. from the Indians at Red River, Indian Settlement, August 1st, 1838. "Servants of the great God: We once more call to you for protection and assistance; and hope it will not be altogether unavailing. "You sent us which you call the Word of God, and the Word of Life. We left our hunting-grounds, and came to the Word of Life. When we heard the Word of God, we did not altogether like it; for it told us to leave off getting drunk, to leave off adultery, to keep only one wife, and to cast away our idols, our rattles, drums, and our gods, and all our bad heathen ways; but the Word of God repeatedly telling us, that if we did not leave off all our bad devils, and all our bad heathen ways, that the Great God would send us all to the great devil's fire, by the goodness of your God we seed that the Word of God was true. We now like the Word of God; and we left off getting drunk, left off adultery, cast away our wives—married one, cast away our rattles, drums, idols, and all our bad heathen ways.

"**Mr. Jones is now going to leave us.** Mr. Cockran is talking of leaving us. Must we turn to our idols and gods again? or must we turn to the French Praying-Masters for protection and assistance, where a good few of our children and relations are gone to? We see not less than three French Prayer-Masters has arrived in the River, and not one for us. What is this, our friends? The Word of God says, that one soul is worth more than all the world. Surely then, our friends, 300 souls is worthy of one Praying-Master. Can it be expected that once or twice teaching to a child can be sufficient to make him wise, or to enable him to guide himself through life. No, our friends; and we are the same. It is not once or twice a week teaching can be sufficient to make us wise: we have bad hearts, and we hate our bad hearts, and all our evil ways and we wish to cast them all away; and we hope in time, by the help of God, to be able to do it. But have patience, our friends:

we hope our children will do better; and expect once they learn to read the Great God's Book, to go forth to their country people, to tell them the Word of Life: and by this way many will be saved from the devil's great fire.

"As Mr. Jones is to be the bearer of this our Letter, we leave him to explain our case more fully.

"We once more beg to consider our case; and we hope you will pity us, and hear our cry we make to you, to send us a Father to reside with us here, to teach us, our wives and our children, the Word of God. We thank you all for what you have done for us and our children: we like the Word of Life, and we wish all our country-people should hear of it too.

"We all wish to let you know, as Mr. Cockran began with us, we wish him to end with us: he is now well-customed with our oily and fishy smell, and all our bad habits.

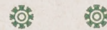
"We now send you our thanks for the Word of Life you have sent us; and may the Great God be kind to you all, to give you a long life, that you may do good to all the poor Indians! We feel our hearts sore when we think of you all, and those Praying-Masters that are here. We pray for you and for them; and shall still do so."

Rev. David T. Jones left Red River on 11th August, 1838 embarked at Hudson's Bay on 31st August and arrived in London on 17th October. He was compelled by domestic circumstances as well as by the state of his health to visit England. He intended to return but grew weaker and died a few years later.

Rev. John Smithurst, who was appointed to Red River in 1839, a student at the C.M.S. Institution, Islington, London, was ordained deacon by the Bishop of London at Christmas, 1838.

At Red River the C.M.S. has 4 churches, 1 missionary, 7 schoolmasters, 10 schools. (C.M.S. Journal.)

Fort Vancouver, B.C.: The Rev. Herbert Beaven (or Beaver) was Chaplain to the Hudson's Bay Co. at Fort Vancouver, 1838 to 1839. (See Que. Dioc. Archives. Letter to the Bishop of Montreal.)



Diocese of Montreal

The young people of St. Matthias's, Westmount, contributed toward the erection of a church at Cecil Lake in the Peace River district; so that the Bishop of Athabasca has named the new church "St. Matthias's". Likewise the young people of St. Peter's, Mount Royal, have helped in building a church at Hudson's Hope, which has been named "St. Peter's" in recognition of their help.

The Fellowship of the West kept their 10th anniversary in November; special Services and meetings were held, and among the special preachers was the Primate of All Canada.

St. Aidan's, Sutton Junction, celebrated the 30th anniversary of its inception; the Bishop was present for the occasion, and preached at Divine Service.

The Bishop also attended the 110th anniversary of St. Mary's, Hochelaga.

Comments Original and Otherwise

(Continued from page 8)

HEAR WHAT TWO ARCHBISHOPS SAY

Speaking on the recent Church Congress in England Archbishop Lang said "The Church is not a mere 'refuge', but a fortress from which to win fresh regions of life for the Lord." And Archbishop Owen addressing the Anglican Young People at Peterborough, said "Let us rally the youth of our Church to a great crusade for Jesus Christ. May there go forth from this Conference such a spirit of joy, that they may be led to enlist themselves in active service for the King of Kings."

Would that every parish priest would relay that call to the people of his parish. Most assuredly there is need for so doing.

At the present time our people stand up and sing:

Toil on, faint not, keep watch and pray,
Be wise the erring soul to win;
Go forth into the world's highway,
Compel the wanderer to come in.

So they sing, and some of them quite heartily, and more than likely there is not one in the congregation who has any thought of making the slightest effort on behalf of any erring one, or going out into the highway to "compel them to come in".

Either we ought in common honesty to cease singing such hymns, or at once set about organizing for that crusade for Jesus Christ that the Archbishop referred to at Peterborough.

NOT INTERESTED IN APPORTIONMENTS

That was the remark made by the Incumbent of a country parish to a fellow clergyman, who said he was finding it very difficult to make up the full amount of the apportionment of his parish. "I am not interested in apportionments. Stipend is the only thing I am concerned about.

Apportionments can take their chance." Put into plain English that parish priest was saying in effect: "It is a matter of no concern to me whether the clergy in the missionary parishes in my own diocese, or in the Canadian West, are paid their stipends or not. I am going to look after my own stipend. The others must do the same."

My only comment is to quote the words of the Master Himself: "Whosoever shall save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake, shall find it."

BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS

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The prophetic words of Isaiah "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given . . . and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" are resounding throughout Christendom on this 1938th anniversary of the birth of the Saviour of mankind, with deeper significance than ever before.

Events, unprecedented in the world's history, are taking place at this time, and men's hearts are failing them for fear as the insidious forces of evil press in on every side. But to those who have ears to hear the voice of the Living Christ comes, as the still, small voice bringing comfort and hope to the weary soul of man; "As many as I love, I reprove and chasten: be zealous therefore and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Both in the Old and the New Testaments God is revealed as the Good Shepherd as we have repeated so often in the 23rd Psalm and other portions of the Old Testament. St. John, the disciple whom Jesus loved, has written the exclusive record of Christ's own revelation of Himself as The Good Shepherd. The first 18 verses of the 10th chapter of St. John tell the wonderful story that God, the Lord Almighty, in the fullness of time clothed Himself in our nature and became man, and He is that Great and Good Shepherd who gave His life that His sheep might live.

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Christmas



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IT'S UP TO THE PARSON

I would like to pass on to readers of the Messenger this item that appeared on the editorial page of the Canadian Churchman.

"As we begin again our fall work it behooves us parsons to take a good look at ourselves. We are the leaders—could it be that our note is uncertain or lower than the highest?

The other day I attended a Board of Missions and the Bishop read the report. Again and again the live parson meant a live mission and the Bishop concluded, and it is a true conclusion, what we need is leadership. If the parson is not out and out and contagious, the Church will be largely formal and fairly dead.

A Bishop wrote me not long ago and here is a paragraph from his letter: 'One has deep concern with regard to the clergy. As a Bishop I endeavour to support and stand by them in every way, and certainly refrain from criticizing them—their lot is a hard one. On the other hand, the presence of innumerable false motives cannot be denied, which paralyze to a large extent the spiritual influence of many of them.' A parson needs the living touch of the Living Saviour. If he has not faced the absolute standard of Christ and listened in the stillness for that Voice which is a still small voice, he has not reached the standard demanded by all effective spiritual work. It must be a constant testing, for we constantly slip back."

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By Ronald Rees.

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Diocese of Athabasca

A Rectory (next to the Church) has been purchased by the Diocese as the residence of Rev. H. E. Webb at Sexsmith. A furnace is being installed and other improvements are being made.

A residence has been purchased for the Hines Creek Mission and Rev. S. J. Bell will soon move into his new home.

The Church House has been completed at Goodwin and work has been started on the new church.

It is planned with the co-operation of the members of the Parish of Grassland to erect a small Church House at that point.

A new Church House is being built at Faust, for Miss Joyce Mallam, Bishop's Messenger, Fellowship of the Maple Leaf, and will soon be completed.

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

St. Michael's Handmaids with the co-operation of the Ladies' Circle held a very successful Sale and Silver Tea on Wednesday, November 23rd.

The Sale was opened by Mrs. Flowers of the Mothers' Union. The kindness of Mrs. Flowers in coming so far and bringing so many people with her was very much appreciated.

Mrs. Philips, President of the Ladies' Circle, has been sick, but is around again now as busy as ever.

Mrs. McInnis opened her home for a Whist Drive on the 4th at which there were ten tables. Miss Helen Bruce is doing well with Guides and Max King with the Cubs.

We are much indebted to St. Faith's for the loan of Miss Cooper for the Brownies; and now we have Miss Mary Roberts helping for a time.

Mr. C. J. Adams, who has been the mainstay of St. Michael's for twenty years has been having some trouble in finding a caretaker for the Church and Parish Hall.

ST. MATTHEW'S MISSION

The Rev. C. Storey gave his Travelogue in the Community Hall for the benefit of the Mission, on the 15th. This was much enjoyed and a nice sum was netted by the W.A.

The Christmas Day Service will be at 9.15 a.m. The Annual Meeting of the W.A. is on December 15th.

Sister Isabel reports 40 scholars on the Sunday School Roll.

ST. FAITH'S

The Rev. C. F. A. Clough

Retrospective

The annual W.A. Bazaar which was held in November was most successful, and the President, Officers and Members are to be congratulated on their untiring efforts.

Scouts

St. Faith's troop have been singled out by the choice of Charles Lashbrook to represent the Scouts of the Dominion at the Jamboree to be held in Australia. We know no one more fitting to receive the honor than Charlie, and we congratulate him and his parents and we express and appreciate the honor that he has brought to our own troop.

Christmas Day Services

December 24th—Christmas Eve, 11.30 Choral Communion.

Christmas Day—8.30 Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Choral Anthem and Holy Communion; 7.30 p.m. Choral Services.

Christmas Message

"Peace on Earth to Men and Good Will." Thus sang the angels at the birth of Jesus, and ever since the forces of evil have endeavored to drown that song. As then so now, it is the message the Human Soul loves to hear. There will be many sermons preached, and many speeches made at the coming Festival Season. Yet it is the message of the angels that brings the greatest joy to the human heart, expressing best the will of God and the aspiration of the human soul. That you may be found paying tribute to the love of God. Incarnate discerning, "The wonder God has wrought for man"; that the peace and blessing of God may be with you and yours at this Christmas time, and in the coming year, is the sincere wish of your Rector.

The Parish extends to Mrs. Laughten and family their sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

ST. MARK'S

THE REV. C. STOREY

Under the auspices of the Vestry a movie lecture entitled "Cine' Shots at Random" was given in the Parish Hall three times and each time a splendid attendance was noted. On November 25th a Whist Drive was held and a large crowd thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The W.A. will hold its Annual Bazaar in St. Mark's Parish Hall on December 8th from 3 to 6 p.m. Everyone cordially invited.

The Dramatic Society will produce the play entitled "Here Comes the Prince" on Friday and Saturday, December 9th and 10th, commencing at 8.15 p.m. This play which is a Three Act Farce and well worth seeing will be played in the Parish Hall corner of 108th Avenue and 111th Street.

A Social Evening, sponsored by the Society, was held recently and an invitation was extended to the newly organized group of St. Mary's A.Y.P.A. At the close everyone appreciated the good time.

ST. PETER'S

The Rev. S. F. Tackaberry

Christmas Services:

Holy Communion at 8.30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Carol Service at 7.30 p.m.

"A Happy and Blessed Christmas to All."

Giving Christmas Tree: On Sunday, Dec. 4th, the annual Gifts of the Sunday School were placed on the Christmas tree. About 100 gifts were made which will be given to the Social Service work of the Diocese. To all who made their offering we extend grateful thanks.

Social Service Appeal: The Social Service appeal was again made. All Church members were urged to do their best to support the splendid work being undertaken by the Social Service Council.

Bazaar: Bazaars are an occasion of friendly intercourse between church people. One of the happiest and therefore from that point of view one of the most successful bazaars ever held in St. Peter's was undertaken last week. We were pleased to have with us our Bishop who opened the bazaar. Mrs. Rowe and Mrs. Matthews poured tea and it was our privilege to welcome many visitors from other churches.

ST. MARY'S, HIGHLANDS

A building fund has now commenced in the hopes that in the near future a new church will be built. Anyone wishing to subscribe can do so by sending donations to the Wardens: Mr. H. Cuff, 11210 65th Street; Mr. D. Harper, 6425 Ada Blvd., or the Vicar.

Present reports show a gradual diminishing of old debts and it is expected that by the turn of the year all existing debts will be wiped out.

On Monday, December 5th, a very pleasing ceremony will be held in the church when Mrs. Herbert Jones, an old and faithful member of the W.A., will be presented with a life membership.

The Christmas Bazaar will be held at the home of Mrs. J. A. Ross on Friday, December 2nd, from 3 to 6 p.m.

The A.Y.P.A. can now boast of approximately forty members. A Whist Drive recently held was well attended. Three plays are now being reviewed

so that dramatics can be well under way by the turn of the year. It is expected that three one-act plays will be produced.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, RIFE

We had another visit from Mr. Elkin on Sunday, 20th November, who gave an interesting and comforting address on the Church's main events for the month of November, especially mentioning All Saint's. The attendance was not as large as usual, owing possibly to the roads being in a very icy and dangerous condition for horses and pedestrians, and even a car had to be driven with care.

The W.A. met at Mrs. Reid's, St. Paul, on Thursday, 24th November, and 9 members out of 13 turned up. Christmas parcels for our local needy was the chief subject discussed. Mrs. J. K. Johnstone read a portion of the history of the W.A. in Canada, from its earliest days, which was full of interest to our small group, who know so little of the work hitherto done in Canada. It was inspiring to know how large the W.A. has grown unto, from so small a beginning, and it is encouraging to us, who hope in time, our small beginning will develop into something worth while.

Our next church service will be on 18th December, at 11 a.m., roads and weather permitting. It will be our Christmas Service. We are all looking to the day when we can have a service on Christmas Day itself. It would be a service of real value to the young, and refresh the hearts and minds of those whose younger eyes were familiar with the bright and happy services in their parish church "at home," but now only a memory.

Rural Deanery of Pembina

MAYERTHORPE MISSION

THE REV W. DEV. A. HUNT

The Angelic Message, "Peace on earth, good-will towards men" will sound to many this Christmas like cruel mockery. Nor will those who deem it mockery be confined to the afflicted peoples of Central Europe and China.

Many in this country, some our near neighbors, will face Christmas cold, ill-nourished and perhaps bitter in spirit. Do not let us forget those who are in sorrow and destitution in the season of joy and goodwill; but try to succor to the best of our ability such as we can reach, and to remember the others in prayer and thus to welcome to our hearts the Prince of Peace who came in all humility to serve mankind in love.

Once again the children of St. Luke's Sunday School are busy rehearsing for the Christmas Tableaux.

This year the children at Padstow and Green-court are also preparing for Tableaux. Now that we possess a Parish Hall at Padstow it is a joy to be able to put it to such good purpose.

The Padstow hall was opened on November 2nd, when moving pictures, loaned by the University Extension Department, were shown to a large and appreciative audience. On November 16th a Whist Drive and Social Evening, sponsored by Mrs. Andy Olberg, was put on for the benefit of the W.A. in the hall. There was not a very large crowd but everybody spent an enjoyable evening.

Much praise is due to the men of the congregation for the work they have freely given to make the hall habitable in the winter months.

On the last Sunday in October Mr. Herbert Bouts, a member of the Diocesan Social Service Council, visited Padstow, Sangudo and Mayerthorpe to speak on behalf of the work and aims of the Council. So far the result of Mr. Bout's appeal has been somewhat disappointing, but Associate Members' tickets can still be bought from the Vicar by any who wish to assist the Council in a practical manner.

A Sale of Work and Social Evening was held on Friday, November 18th, at the home of Mrs. Cording, the Superintendent of the Lonira Sunday School. About fourteen dollars was realized at the sale. This is a good sum considering how few Anglicans there are in the community.

The annual Remembrance Day service at Mayerthorpe was held as usual in the village hall, on November 11th. The service was conducted by the Rev. T. Sneddon of the United Church and the address given by the Vicar. The service was attended by a large crowd; and the recently formed Mayerthorpe Brass Band headed the Legion parade.

On October 25th and 26th the clergy and lay delegates of the Rural Deanery of Pembina held their fall meeting at Mayerthorpe. The proceedings began with Evensong, on Tuesday, when Archdeacon Cornish gave an inspiring address to the members of St. Luke's congregation and to such of the delegates as had then arrived. Mr. E. J. Fream accompanied the Archdeacon and gave an interesting and appealing talk on the work of the Social Service Council.

On Wednesday morning the Archdeacon officiated at the Celebration of the Holy Communion.

The chief business of the day centred around the subject of Grants and Apportionments; though other interesting and vital topics were discussed in the afternoon. We were glad to see so many members of the congregation, other than the official delegates, present during the sessions.

The W.A. most kindly provided dinner and tea for the delegates in the vicarage.

Holy Baptism: On October 30th, in Lonira church, Kathleen Mary Genge, Shirley Madell Genge, and Geoffrey Philip Braithwaite.

Holy Matrimony: Herman Tuftin to Mabel Edgar, on November 8th, in Stanger church.

ST. MARY'S, JASPER

The Rev. G. M. McComas, M.A., Vicar

A long cherished desire for St. Mary's was on November 9th realized, for on that day the new Edith Cavell Memorial organ (Hammond B) was installed.

This instrument, which is to cost \$2,255, was used for the first time at the Remembrance Day service at 11 o'clock on November 11th.

Already we have paid to the Heintzman Co., Edmonton, the sum of \$700.00—a required initial payment—and so will have to secure within two and a half years \$1,555.00.

Taking into account the promises received by the Organ Committee for the balance of the present year, and for 1939, it is felt that if everyone will share in the responsibility of clearing ourselves of this indebtedness in that time limit, that this large sum can be raised and the organ become the property of the church.

Everyone who has heard the new organ is pleased with its wonderful tone and brilliance, and it is felt that at last St. Mary's has an instrument in keeping with our lovely little church.

A subscription list has been opened and some

forty names are already on it. This list, to be found on the bulletin-board of the church, will be revised and kept up to date at regular intervals, and our hope is many new names will be added to it before the next revision. If your name is not as yet published, send in your gift without delay and watch the fund grow. The co-operation of everyone is much needed. The Hon. Treasurer of the Memorial Organ Fund is Mr. J. Woodford, Imperial Bank, Jasper.

The annual Bazaar and accompanying program will be held (D.V.) on Wednesday, December 7th, in the hall, under the direction of the members of the W.A. Your patronage is solicited. In the evening bridge and whist drives will be held and prizes given for the highest scorers.

In the afternoon tea and various competitions together with stalls of needle-work and home-cooking will be arranged, also a fish-pond.

We were all delighted to welcome the Bishop of the Diocese to Jasper on Sunday, November 13th, and with no small satisfaction noticed how well he looked and seemed. He was Celebrant at 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion, was the preacher at 11.00 a.m. Matins, and at Evensong inducted Canon G. McComas as Vicar of St. Mary's, Jasper, at 7.30 p.m. After the service was concluded a lovely recital on the new organ, by Mrs. H. Brydon of Edmonton, was enjoyed by the large congregation, some of whom were members of other churches. It is planned to hold a recital after Evensong on the second Sunday in each month by our own organist and choirmaster, Mr. J. B. Snape, during the winter.

Holy Baptism: October 23rd, Harold Kenneth Greenwood; November 20th, Gladys Amelia Glavin; and James Edward Glavin.

ST. JOHN'S, ONOWAY

Miss B. Onions and Miss C. Bee

On Armistice Day the Rev. L. D. Batchelor came to Onoway to take the service at 10.45 a.m. Members of the Legion attended this service and the two minutes' silence was kept in the church. It was very nice to have Mr. Batchelor with us again.

On November 10th in place of their monthly meeting the W.A. held a silver tea, the proceeds of which were given to the Social Service.

The Little Helpers had their annual rally service on October 29th. The children offered their missionary boxes which rattled well with their gifts. After the service, the Little Helpers with their mothers had a very happy tea party in the vicarage. The Rally was very well attended. Thanks are due to Mrs. Dales, the Secretary, for her help.

After the service of Holy Communion on Nov. 6th, the Rev. A. deV. Hunt admitted the new members of the Guild of St. Agnes. This Guild is for girls of sixteen and over who are communicant members of the Church and who are willing to make the following promises: (1) To attend the Corporate Communion on the first Sunday in each month; (2) to do some special work for the Church; (3) to attend the Bible Class and Guild meetings.

The Cub committee sponsored two whist drives during November in aid of Pack funds. The Pack had a church parade on Armistice Day.

The sympathy of the parish goes to Mr. and Mrs. S. Coates and family in the sudden loss of their eldest son, Ross.

Brookdale: Plans are going forward for the building of the new church. We hope that it will be erected before very long. The W.A. held

a successful dance in the Brookdale school on November 4th.

Holy Baptisms: November 6th, Neal Russel Armitstead; Fern Nora Coralie Ulmer; Nov. 7th, Thomas Pitt Shelton, at Brookdale.

Burials: Nov. 17th, Ross Coates; Nov. 21st, Dora Mary Brown.

EDSON AND ST. PAUL'S MISSION

The Rev. T. J. Matthews

The ladies of the W.A. held a very successful bazaar and tea on the 19th of this month. The girls auxiliary are planning to have their last-minute gift sale about the middle of December, and the Juniors are to sell candy in connection with this.

Armistice services at Sterco and Hattonford were well attended; at the latter occasion, the Rev. Tim Matthews was accompanied by Mr. Koch, as trumpeter and Mr. Laurence, as president of the Edson branch of the Canadian Legion.

A gift of hangings from England and of candlesticks from the Bishop, is much appreciated. A new entrance has been made to the basement in the parish hall, which is an improvement.

New work has been started for a church at the new mine called Gebo.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Stanley Rear, of Haddock, has made a good recovery from her operation in the hospital here.

Baptisms: Margaret Jeannette Evans, Oct. 28, at Gebo; Patricia Adeline Botrakoff and Beverley Doreen Botrakoff, Nov. 22, at Foothills.

Marriage: Alma Stelter to Edgar Francis Millar Greenwood, October 9th, both of Rosevear.

Burials: Mr. Lock, at Mahaska, Nov. 25th.

CHRISTMAS

Only a Star, among a million burning,
Why does it cast such glory on the night?
Across the centuries our hearts are turning
To where it lighted Bethlehem's Holy Night.

Only a Child, a new-born baby lying
Within a manger where the cattle feed:
But here are faith, and hope, and love undying
Born of the flesh, born Christendom indeed.

Rural Deanery of Wainwright

ST. MARY'S, IRMA

The Rev. P. Rickard

An enjoyable afternoon was spent at the home of Mrs. Pryce Jones, when a number of ladies from Wainwright W.A. visited the Irma W.A. It was also the occasion for the presentation of a prayer book to Mrs. Carter, one of our members, who is making her home at the coast. Rev. Rickard, on behalf of the W.A., wished Mrs. Carter God-speed and the best of good luck in her new home. Mrs. Carter responded very feelingly and regretted having to leave all her old friends behind.

Holy Baptism: Nov. 6th, Donna Maria Coulton.

The W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Yeend, on Nov. 23rd. A happy and profitable time was enjoyed by all.

ST. MATTHEW'S, VIKING

The Rev. J. Anderson

St. Matthew's parish hall was gayly decorated with Hallowe'en colors of orange and black for the W.A. fall bazaar, on October 29th. During the afternoon a constant flow of visitors kept busy those in charge of stalls and tea tables. Mrs. Walters, the president, and the members of the W.A. are to be congratulated on the success of this year's bazaar.

The annual fall meeting of the Wainwright Deanery was held at Viking, on Nov. 3rd. The meeting began with morning prayer in the church, followed by a short business meeting. The delegates were then the guests of St. Matthew's W.A. at lunch in the Viking Hotel.

During the afternoon the Rev. Archdeacon Cornish spoke on Diocesan affairs and on the Apportionments for 1939. Following Archdeacon Cornish, Mr. Fream spoke in the interests of the Social Service Council of the Diocese. The delegates were much impressed by Mr. Fream's description of the extensive relief work the Council undertakes each year. This parish along with most others in the Diocese has reason to be thankful to the Council for the ready assistance given to so many in need.

Archdeacon Cornish and Mr. Fream were thanked by those present for their informative addresses.

Following the afternoon meeting the delegates were guests at tea at the vicarage. Mrs. Walters and Mrs. MacWilliams very kindly served tea for Mr. Anderson.

A group in the parish are already at work on a play which will be produced shortly.

On Advent Sunday the revised Hymnal will be introduced into use at St. Matthew's Church. We wish to thank the W.A. for the gift of five choir books, also Mr. H. Rollans and Mr. Bird for gifts of hymn and prayer books for the use of visitors. A number of members of the church have purchased books of their own.

Several confirmation classes are being held in the parish in preparation for a visit from His Lordship the Bishop next spring.

Baptisms: Evelyn Anna Albrecht, Violet Fern Albrecht, Geraldine Pearl Albrecht, John Leslie Mattenson and William James Taylor.

EDGERTON

The Rev. A. Love

We very much regret to report that since the last issue of the Church Messenger our much respected Vicar has been very ill and has been confined to his bed for a considerable time but we are truly glad to be able to say that Mr. Love is able to be up again and we hope it will not be many Sundays before we are able to see him in the Church and around as usual. We hope the strain on Mrs. Love who has been nursing him, assisted by Mrs. Haynes, her daughter from Lloydminster, who has been with her since Mr. Love was taken so ill, will not be too much for her.

It is gratifying to see some of the younger generation rendering assistance by way of doing chores during the cold weather which is a very great help in a time of sickness.

Marriage—On November 16th, Raymond Clyde Dallyn to Margaret Treva Tennant, by the Rev. J. L. Anderson.

HOLY TRINITY, TOFIELD

The Rev. T. W. TEAPE

We might say after the manner of some of the epistles, "In the name of Jesus Christ, who came on earth to bless us, greeting." Christmas comes upon us once again, an oasis of warmth in the midst of our cold season, a sort of premature springtime in the heart. With a fine disregard for the mutinous weather, Christmas never needs to abdicate from the throne of our affections. That is very much the way it is with Jesus. The world into which He was born and our world present very few differences. He still comes as peace in the midst of bombing planes, as love in the midst of irritation and suspicion, as God amongst fallen men. It is no use for the world to oppose Christ. His power is born anew in the life of everyone committed to His service. If Jesus is on the throne of our hearts this Christmas, the likelihood is that He will be there for ever. Let us pay Him the tribute due to One who, though He was God, was not afraid to be born again.

Let me wish all my friends in Tofield and at Ardrossan, Bathgate and Lindbrook a very happy Christmas. May the gift of God be yours.

T. W. TEAPE.

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A special meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Barden, Tuesday evening, October 25th, to arrange for the Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Supper. The supper was held in the Curling Rink on Monday, October 31st. In spite of inclement weather it was a success—over \$40.00 being realized. We thank one and all for their donations, patronage and help in various ways.

Mesdames Bailey, Barden and Robinson attended the Edmonton Diocesan Board of W.A. Quarterly Meeting which was held at Christ Church, Friday 28th. They were accompanied by Rev. T. W. Teape.

The Senior W.A. met at the home of Mrs. McCarthy on November 3rd with six members and one visitor present. The devotions were taken by the President, Mrs. Barden, and the minutes by the acting secretary, Mrs. Robinson. Amongst other business it was decided to pay \$40.00 if possible towards the Apportionment Fund, and the total balance of \$22.00 early in December. Arrangements were made for a Whist and Bridge Drive to be held in the Institute Rooms on November 25th. The Bazaar date was set for Saturday, December 10th, the next W.A. meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Bailey on December 1st, when Bazaar goods are to be priced and the bale of clothing for Social Welfare to be packed.

Junior W.A. meetings were held at the home of the Superintendent, Mrs. Robinson, on November 5th and 19th, and on November 10th at the church. They are also packing a bale for Social Welfare.

Services—Rev. T. W. Teape is conducting Sunday School at Lindbrook every Monday after school.

Sunday School is being held regularly at Holy Trinity, Tofield.

Church Services have also been held at Bathgate and Ardrossan, as well as regular services at Tofield.

A special Communion Service was held on Armistice Day at 11 a.m.

The building at the church is rapidly progressing and the workers are hoping to have it finished by Christmas.

Mesdames Swift and Robinson have completed

their annual canvass locally in the interests of the British and Foreign Bible Society and are thankful for such a ready response. To commemorate the Fourth Centenary of the English Bible, the Bible Society has opened a Thanksgiving Fund. All will doubtless wish to have a share in this Empire-wide Thankoffering for the Bible, and if any have been missed and are able to contribute it is not too late to forward a contribution. Thank you.

The Choir is meeting regularly under the capable leadership of Mr. Broughton with Mrs. McCarthy at the organ. They have been meeting at various homes now the weather is colder.

Rural Deanery of Metaskiwin

CAMROSE

The Rev. A. Wallis

My Dear Friends:

The season of Christmas is almost upon us, and once again we shall be raising our voices in Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the gift of His dear Son—

“He, Who saw the light of day
in the midst of the beasts of burden,
When first He threw the mantle of
Humanity over Himself.”

Let us be sincere in our prayers: “Peace on earth, goodwill to men,” for the world at this time sorely needs “Divine guidance” when it is fast bound by many chains—greed, selfishness, false pride—all hindrances to that state of peace which God desires for His children. Let the Christmas message lift our minds above all worldly things, all that is dross and carnal, to the Mighty Counsellor, the Prince of Peace.

Beneath the angel-strain have rolled,
Two thousand years of wrong,
And man at war with man hears not
The words of peace they bring.

When the bells ring out the Christmas chime, it is my sincere hope that each and every man, woman and child who bear the name of Christian will make a point of being present at one or other of the services to be held on that day, for remember:

It isn't the holly, it isn't the snow,
It isn't the tree or the firelight glow,
It's the flame that goes from the hearts of men,
When Christmas love is abroad again.

May your Christmas be a Blessed one, is the sincere wish of your Rector.

Remembrance Day

“For all the saints who from their labours rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.
Alleluia.”

We would like to thank Mrs. C. McDonald for the beautiful chrysanthemums on the altar. They were in memory of her mother and Archdeacon Howcroft.

We had a Service of Remembrance in the church

when the Frontiersmen and the Scouts attended in uniform.

“God is our hope and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

A.Y.P.A.: A meeting of the young people was held in the rectory, and it was decided to form a Branch of the A.Y.P.A. Officers were chosen, and arrangements made to meet on Monday nights. Before anything can be a success, it needs behind it an enthusiastic interest, we want you to bring this with you to all meetings.

Thank you, Mrs. Veal, for helping with the rummage sale, and all others who gave or helped in any way.

Christmas is, most of all, a time for memories. Let us remember the Christ, Whose birthday it is. All those who are dear to us wherever they may be: the W.A., the Sunday School, all young people, the work in our own parish—may the Light of His countenance from Babyhood to noblest Manhood shine in our lives, bringing peace.

ST. PAUL'S, PROVOST

S. J. Colley

On November 6th The Lord Bishop administered the rite of confirmation to eight candidates. Although the weather was somewhat cold the church was filled to overflowing long before the hour of service, and a large congregation, representing all denominations in the town joined together in one of the most beautiful services of the church.

Nov. 11th, Armistice Day, the congregation from St. Paul's joined with the United and Lutheran church people in a Memorial service for those who poured out their life's blood in the name of peace twenty years ago.

Nov. 13th the Rev. W. T. Elkin was with us for Armistice Sunday. The newly confirmed candidates made their first communion at the eleven o'clock service.

Owing to the rough condition of the roads Mr. Colley was unable to reach Monitor on that Sunday. We understand that he did try to reach Sulphur Springs and got lost in the snow, the result being a severe chill and a few days in bed.

Y.P.S.: The Young People elected their new officers at a meeting held on Monday evening, Nov. 14th. President, Miss Mary Fox; Vice-Pres., Don Pratt; Secretary, Miss Betty Tregale; Treas., Charles Fox. The programme for the next five meetings was drawn up based upon the A.Y.P.A. motto of Work, Worship, Fellowship and Edification. At the last meeting of the Y.P.S. a bee was held to paint the new chairs given to us by our Lord Bishop.

W.A.: The monthly meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Leyland, on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 24th. Final arrangements were made for the forthcoming bazaar.

The report of the Deanery W.A. meeting was read and the members present expressed regrets that they had not been able to attend the meeting.

ST. MARK'S, HARDISTY

The Rev. P. Disney

The chief event of the past month was the confirmation on November 20th. Those confirmed were: George Chohey, John French, Eileen Squires, Ethel Spencer, Helen French, Phyllis Fowler, Ruth Alderdice. Our prayer is that these young people will worthily fulfil their membership in the church.

The W.A. have held their annual bazaar, and the result was most satisfactory. Thanks are due to

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the many ladies who worked so hard to make it such a success.

At their December meeting the W.A. plan an open guest meeting—a social afternoon, to which all ladies of the parish are invited, to follow the business meeting.

The Young People's Society meets regularly on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. It is good to see more of them turning out to church, and it is hoped the improvement will continue.

The Vestry have been trying hard to bring about a more satisfactory condition in the finances of the parish, and have made a useful contribution towards the Vicar's transportation expenses.

The Sunday School is now under the direction of Mrs. Anning. A presentation was made to Mrs. Carpenter on her retirement from the superintendency, in token of her untiring work. To both these ladies, our thanks are due for their faithful service.

We understand the Sunday School are preparing a cantata for Christmas, to which we greatly look forward.

There will be a midnight celebration of Holy Communion, with Christmas carols and hymns, on Christmas Eve. It is hoped that all church people will make an effort to worship God on this great day. And may all have a happy and holy Christmas.

CHOICE

There are a number of church families living in this district, who have been without the ministrations of their church. A service has been arranged for December 28th, at 2 o'clock, a Christmas service with hymns and carols, which it is hoped to follow up by other services.

VELVA

The Christmas service will be held on the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mattress, on December 27th, at 2 p.m.

FULLVIEW

Christmas service in the school house on Sunday, January 1st, at 3 p.m. So many families have left from this district, that our congregations are now inevitably much smaller than they use to be.

CRICKLEDALE

Services are not held at this point in the winter months, but it is hoped to arrange for a special service at Christmas. This will be announced in due course in the local paper.

HOLY TRINITY, HUGHENDEN

The Rev. P. Disney

Since the writing of our last notes, we have had to say good-bye, so far as this world is concerned, to one who had for many years loved and laboured for his Church: Alfred Stubbs, "Grandpa," as he was affectionately known, was one of God's gentlemen, lovely and pleasant in his life, beloved by all who knew him. He lived to a ripe old age and the end came peacefully. May he rest in peace.

The church was very full (it almost overflowed!) on the afternoon of November 20th, when the Bishop administered the apostolic rite of confirmation to Everett Moore, Bertha Parke, Grace Tate, and Mary Betts. It was very disappointing that Eileen Kennedy, who had so much looked forward to the service, was prevented by sickness from being presented with the others.

The W.A. had a satisfactory afternoon when they had their annual sale of work. They continue to give invaluable help in many things in the parish.

The Young People meet every week, and grow steadily in numbers. Perhaps they will soon grow also in church attendance!

There will be celebration of Holy Communion at which we hope to see all our members, on Christmas Day, at 11 o'clock. We wish all a happy Christmas.

PEARSON

Services are still held twice a month. There will be a service on the afternoon of Christmas Day at 3 o'clock. If roads are passable services will continue throughout the winter.

IMMANUEL, WETASKIWIN

The Rev. W. M. Nainby

The Vestry of Immanuel Church held two meetings during the past month, the first, at the home of Mrs. Montgomery, and the second at the home of Mr. C. T. Walker.

Remembrance Day was fittingly observed this year, and a large gathering was present at the Audien Theatre on the morning of November 11th. The rector, who is chaplain to the Legion, gave the address.

W.A.: The annual bazaar of the W.A. is to be held in the parish hall, on Saturday, 3rd Dec. There will be a meeting of the W.A. on the Wednesday preceding the bazaar in order to price the articles of fancy work, etc. This meeting is to be at the home of Mrs. Compton.

A.W.A. corporate communion is to be held on the morning of St. Andrew's Day.

The choir, under the leadership of Miss M. Robinson, is busy practising Christmas music.

Holy Baptism: James Cyril Sehlin, Mildred Mabel June Sehlin, and Edward Ernest William Sehlin.

Holy Matrimony: Horace Hubert Walker and Edna Blanche Cadogan.

ST. MARY'S, PONOKA

The Rev. W. M. Nainby

The Woman's Auxiliary held the annual bazaar in the parish hall on November 12th. It proved to be a most successful event in every department, and the members are delighted with the proceeds which are much in excess of last year's total.

Messrs. Callahan, Hickmore and Plant journeyed to Wetaskiwin in order to be present at the annual meeting of the Wetaskiwin Deanery.

The W.A. held a corporate communion on Wednesday, November 16th.

The choir held a social evening in the hall on Friday, 4th Nov., and a splendid sum was realized.

The A.Y.P.A. continues meeting each Monday with a large attendance. The Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs meet regularly each Friday.

The Junior W.A. members are busily making scarves for social service.

Holy Baptism: John Herbert Stretch, Constance Rosina Eastwood, and William Donald Malin.

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ST. SAVIOUR'S, VERMILION

The Rev. W. Leversedge

On Sunday, November 13th, the Armistice Parade Service for the members of Post 11 of the Canadian Legion and the 4th Troop C Squadron 19th Alberta Dragoons, was held in St. Saviour's Church. The Legion Band was also present and played for the Hymns, the lesson was read by His Worship J. W. G. Morrison, K.C., Mayor of Vermilion. During the Service the Legion Colors were placed by the Altar. Speaking from the text "Blessed are the peacemakers" the Vicar emphasized that in the thought of Jesus, Peace is a consequence of unreserved devotion to the righteous will of God, and pleaded for a Crusade to make that Will the touchstone of personal, national and international relations.

The boys of the Choir had an enjoyable visit to Edmonton, during October, when by the kindness of Mr. Waring, they wished the Pro-Cathedral, and met some of the boys of the choir there. They returned with a new conception of the dignity and the possibilities of their position in the services of the church.

The members of the Women's Auxiliary are to be congratulated upon the marked success of their annual pre-Christmas Sale, held on November 26th. It must have been very gratifying to them to see the fruits of their labor of preparation for the event, and an encouragement to persevere in their efforts.

We have had to say good-bye to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Smith and family, who have returned to Fort Saskatchewan, after a stay with us of less than a year. Bill and Marjorie were confirmed in that time and Hope had begun work as a teacher in the Sunday School, while Mrs. Smith will be greatly missed in W.A. circles. We were glad to have them with us, and sorry to see them leave.

RURAL DEANERY OF VERMILION

A Ruri-Decanal Meeting was held at Manville on November 24th, opening with a Celebration of the Holy Communion in Christ Church, with the Rev. C. G. Austin as Celebrant, and the Ven. F. C. Cornish as preacher. In his address the Archdeacon pleaded for a fuller acceptance of our responsibilities as members of the Christian Church, and a greater effort to overtake the many opportunities that present themselves to the followers of Our Lord.

The business meetings which were held in the Vicarage, were well attended, though it is to be regretted that no representatives were present from either Clandonald or Kitcoty Missions.

Those present faced the problem of increased apportionments as presented by the Archdeacon, in a spirit of readiness to do all that is possible to meet the growing demands, subjects to the desire for some readjustment within each Mission of the amounts suggested as the goal for the various centres within the mission.

The discussions were frank, and full, and several speakers stated their pleasure in the new understanding of the problems of the Diocese, as a result of information sought and courteously given. E. J. Fream pleaded the cause of the Social Service Council, and made many helpful



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suggestions. A resolution of appreciation and regret was unanimously passed when it was announced that this would be the last visit to the Deanery of the Archdeacon.

It was also resolved that the next Deanery Meeting should be held in Vermilion about the middle of June, 1939.

Capt. Baker is to be congratulated upon the excellence of the arrangements made by him for the meetings.



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